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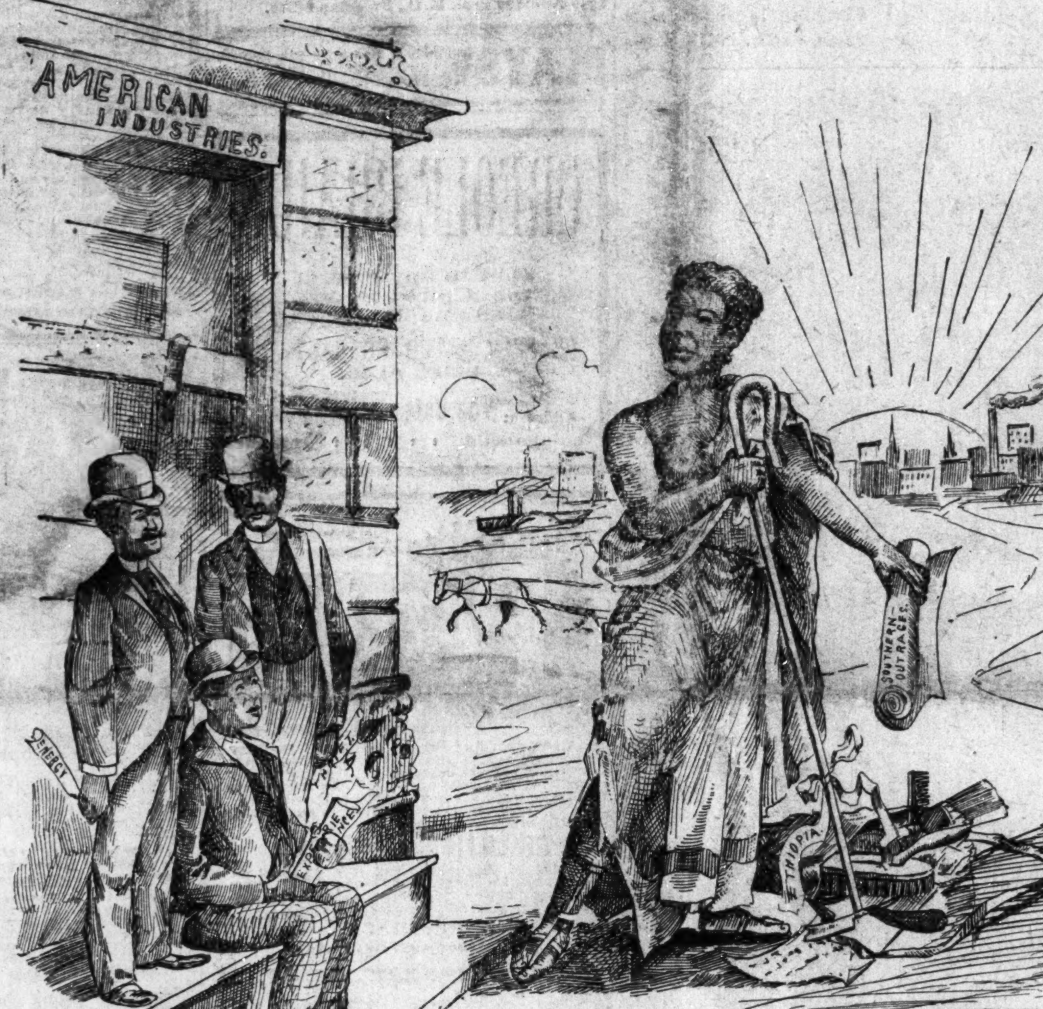

THE SUN OF PROSPERITY.

Yes, my sons, the great door of American industry is closed against you, and Southern outrages are daily perpetrated against the race, but with the dawn of the New Year, and with a change of administration the sun of prosperity thatslowly rises in yon horizon, will yet shed forth its noonday rays upon this benighted race.

THE NEGRO'S PROGRESS!

DEFECTIVE SPOTS IN THE RACE. THE TRUTH WILL RISE.

Dr. M. A. Majors Makes a Lucid Description of the Negro Question.—A Fine Showing in Financiering and Morality.

Just now the Negro is showing up in a better light in all the many phases of intelligence financiering and christian morals than he has hitherto, our leading newspapers are advocating a higher plane of our fair dealing, our religious organizations through the Y. M. C. A., the Christian Endeavor, the Baptist Young People's Union, and the Epworth League are working and planning for a system of higher religious worships, and the young ministry is beginning to adopt intellectual measures that are calculated before many years to displace the indecent and conceited of approach to The Throne of Grace." The politician is becoming more respectable in his demands for public rations, and the voter has began to realize that he is no better nor more loyal than he makes himself. In fact everywhere we look, whether on the farm, in the work-shop, in the school, college or upon the levee, it seems that the Negro is more than ever realizing that he must displace sophistry for ideality, and adopt decency and respectibility. The Negro has been taught to be cowardly, he has always been accustomed to the rough command, seldom to the smooth mellow voice of geniality. He has never been placed in touch with the Puritanic fireside, and where he might enjoy the intellectual and refined sunlight of equality, and become embellished with a fine sense of manners and modest demeanor. Like the chimpanzee accustomed to climbing, his outer view has become rough and unacceptable to the taste and training of which we speak. The select club, in elegant and refined society, takes for a subject say "Beauty and what in truth it is." Shut off from the world they give descriptions, discuss statuary, printings, flowers, etc., the Negro sees the drawn handiwork of the cultured brain, only when he reads some leading magazine, containing only a fair synopsis of what was said, and the adopted criterion of what in the caucasians analysis is beautiful, it is the law and so far as the standard of "beauty" is concerned, it is forever fixed. As in this so in home life, business and commerce, politics, religion, etc., the Negro has no insight and hence no voice. These are some of the things our Mr. Thompson, of Washington, in his epigramatical style of writing overlooked in his eloquent discanting upon "Colored Society, etc."

The Negro is beginning to take notice to these things. The courage of Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams to see the advantage in participation of these inner circles be it said stands to the credit of her early training, her parents, and her race, stagnated with an atmosphere of illiteracy and depravity she longed for the enjoyment of the touch that intellectual and refined affinity gives. The colored women of Denver seeing the fulfilllment of Mrs. Williams hopes their "listening have heard the ruffle of a wing" and they two were voted into participating with cultured women of Denver, in all the occult love of genius. We already have women in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore, Nashville, Cincinnati, Washington and Louisville who in the line of culture, education and virtue compare favorably to the best of the women of other races; and yet these our worthies are not encouraged, but instead, the ignorant Negro preachers are discouraging every effort on the part of our women to effect these organizations looking to their betterment socially, intellectually and morally that they might bequeath to their children a rich legacy of character; because these preachers forsooth find that the accustomed conference broad-cloth is narrowed, and if they must look more elegant than refined, and more dignified than religious the sisters who once headed this suit-furnishing work having gone out of the business, the work of saving souls has materially suffered because ofthe falling off in ministerial pomp and undeserved suits.

The Negro ministry has done the Negro great injury, as well as great good. The ignorant preacher has kept the people ignorant and unrefined. It is characteristic in a horse to become tamed by strong influences, the same is true of the bear, the lion, the elephant, and surely human beings should advance. Where we have given fair play to ignorance it has knocked our intellectual training out in the first round. It can do it every time where people have been taught not to reason. Sweet smelling cologne on a moaning and groaning preacher can make any of our theologians and bishops take to the woods in a densely populated community where the ignorant preacher has instructed every Sunday from the book of Revelations since the war.

Not that we have any objection to the ministry, far from that, that we take the ministry for an illustration, it as all know, is universal, and from the thousands who read your great newspaper we expect our amens. The Negro is crippled and maimed in the same way in every department of his activity. Conceit is holding high carnival in a thousand hideous shapes, and this is begotten if not from ignorance, a love for intellectual suppression, for if the people should all spontaneously become wise and able to reason, many a pretended saint would don the veil, or escape to some silent quarter of the universe.

Another thing our race centers too much in the church; for all time the Negroes spiritual part has had the upper hand of his mental faculties, he does not at all times combine the two, and even when he would, the spiritual part takes precedence, and dwarfts his intellectual fitness to moralize and refine the community. Then the ignorant minister that can sing and dance a reel, or who takes more delight from the heart of a jucy melon, than he does in pointing the people to the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, stalks forth to let the young well bred scholar who has come among them with his helpful refinements and scholarly attainments know that you must join the Baptist church, or the Methodist church, or the Christian church always my church, not showing any sympathy to the young man or woman's choice as the case is, and often success depends entirely upon getting in the right church. Should a mistake be made in this point, you not only can have any influence or prestige, you can't teach the children, some non compus mentus will be installed, and your education and moral sobriety are set at naught. Here is where the Negro is strengthening. This style of a preacher is rapidly becoming a back number, and just as we are improving in this way, we are in other lines, best said to the credit of our young men and women.

It use to be that the preacher ate the choice piece of possum, carved the chicken and got the most oysters from the turkey dressing, but he has met an adversary, and he is either the teacher, lawyer, or doctor of the community. This shows that the people in spite of the stupidity of the pulpit, through their own children that they daily send to school, are becoming enlightened, and indirectly the teacher's influence and refinement permeates the crevices of society.

The church sets some bad examples. I know a preacher that was once a college president, he was deposed from his high seat of learning because it was proven on him that he was guilty of seducing several of the young ladies in his college. He was given an appointment a few thousand miles away, where in less than a year, he was caught dead at his same old wickedness, they slipped him away from there it is said between two suns, to another distant charge a few thousand miles away, and we judge, this time the people were not sharp enough to catch the rascal, all this time smuggled and cared for by our advocates of christian purity, and great heads of the church, and now behold the libertine has been restored to the presidency of the same college, where let us hope he can spend some of his time and money with the children he is accused of being the father of, and perhaps teach a better class of morals and religion. Oh! some people flinch when the truth is told.

For shame on the African church and its bishops. Where is their manhood, their taste? their humanity? Did this libertine belong to other christian organizations I know, he would be glad to occupy the seat of a penitent the balance of his days instead of being made for his aptitude at bastardy and immorality a college president.

The Negro will never be a race until they realize that morality comes not from religion but from maternity and the heartstone, and that honesty is not preached into one, nor dishonesty from shame or false pride, it comes from character, that character is nothing to religion any more than an elephant is to a crocodile. The Negro is rapidly learning this, and displacing these old timers for the new comers, who with the elegance of decency and refined moral stamina are paving the way to fame, fortune and insullied honor, armed with the logic of intelligence and the power and clear conception of religion, whether as yet they conquer by might or right, it is truthfully and clearly written in scripture that "one can chase a thousand, and two can put ten thousand to flight."

It is no more sweet sented cologue, pulpit death groans, blacksuits and deceit. It is now, is he a gentlemon? is he educated? can he cope with the best intelligence of his congregation? Can he preach a logical sermon? Can he generalize, differentiate, define and prove his argument by his deportment before our boys and girls, and keep away from the women? Booker T. Washington set the hall in motion, and ere long truth will get a hearing, and error will writhe in its agony, while truth will rise among its worshipers. The Negro will become numerically strong, intellectually, religiously and morally when the Negro studies more its own character strike deep at the cancerous growths that invade our very social and political life, and erect higher plans upon which our young people may stand out in all their progress, when resting upon a faultless foundation, whose fabrication and deep wells laid supporters rest upon honor, integrity and character. With this we continue onward and upward in the public eye, and free ourselves from the ignoming frought by years of serfdom and the evils of slavery. We give our lineal decendants the erectness of righteousness, and bravery, and whether saint or sinner they can be accredited for moral worth and honored as ladies and gentlemen in the truest and strickest sense. God hasten the day when decency, respect, ability and good character can pass for the religion we are now accused of.

Dr. M. A. Majors,

Decatur, Illinois.

Seriously Stabbed.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

Miss Julia Townsend who left the city for St. Louis, Mo., returned Dec. 19th. Mrs. Hattie Hall arrived in this city on the 19th and left on the 20th ult. Katie Davis returned from Cape Girardeau, Mo., Dec. 21st ult. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Adams, a fine boy on the 21st ult. Dr. Hobson of Neelyville, was in the city on the 22nd ult., enroute from Winona, West Point, and other places in Mississippi. Miss Nellie Johns is ill. A merry time was encountered at Pleasant Hill Baptist church Christmas Eve. There was a grand concert by the Juvenile Class and a Christmas tree. The Christmas exercises were grandly performed under the auspices of Prof. West, also a grand installation and entertainment was given at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church on Christmas night, by the Court of Calanthe. The social concert band paraded the principal streets of the city in the afternoon of Christmas day. The Knights of Tabor's entertainment was grand. Mr. P. P. Tisdale, colored, seriously cut Robt Collins, white, on Christmas day. Quite an excitement arose between the whites on account of the affray. To all my friends, The Freeman is only $1.00, subscribe now.

Social Happenings—Personals.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Mme. Sissieretta Jones, the "Black Patti," and her company will give a grand entertainment at Bethel A. M. E. church Jan. 2nd. The Women's Club gave an eclat entertainment at the Ninth Batalion Armory Christmas night. Miss Nannie B. Hill of Lexington, Ky., will be a guest of Mr. Dudley F. Oglesby soon. Mrs. Sarah C. Hamilton has left the city for a visit to her sister in Louisville, Ky. Miss Emma Bickles is visiting her mother in Louisville, Ky. Many were present at Hill Bro's Dancing Academy Christmas night. Mr. Dudley and Thomas Oglesby will give a party Jan. 28th. Mr. Wm. Barbour will leave the city Tuesday for New Mexico.

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St. Louis, Mo., Special.

Scenes from the "Lady of Lyons or Love and Pride," was presented on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22 at Zion A. M. E. church by a local dramatic company under the management of Mr. S. J. Wilkinson. The cast in costumes very beautifully portrayed the pride of the French nation and the passionate love of its people. Miss Victoria Clay, as Pauline, displayed great emotion in the rendition of her part, and like a true woman values an honest and sincere love, far superior to the pomp and glory of the rich. Miss Jennie Mack, as the Widow Melnotte, could not be excelled by the most experienced actress. Her clear, ringing voice full of pathos, her tender affection for her son, and her power of consolation reflects great credit. Too much cannot be said in commendation of Misses Clay and Mack. Their acting was without a fault, and they bid fair to become dramatic stars. The character of Mr. Deschappelles was well personated by E. L. Shelton. He possessed all the pride and dignity of a rich French merchant, stern, relentless and unforgiving, and only when ruin and disgrace was inevitable, did he yield. C. W. Whitfield as Beauseant made an excellent villian, and one looking at his facial expression would verily have believed him to be one. As General Dumas, he carried himself with strict military bearing, and under the most trying circumstances proved himself a true friend to Claude Melnotte. S. J. Wilkinson as Claude Melnotte, afterwards Colonel Morier, acted exceedingly well, stern at times, although he was stricken with grief, and when he became overpowered and almost broken-hearted, one would really have imagined him in tears. Although separated from his wife Pauline, he at all times defended her honor and was ever true, even amidst the war of battle. He afterwards saved his wife's father from ruin, and a happy reunion of husband and wife was effected. The company is indeed a strong one, reflects credit upon the race, and we depict for them a grand and brilliant future.

Major Thomas W. Logan, Royal Grand Patron Order of Eastern Star for Missouri, spent three days in our city, paying his annual visitation to the local chapters. Mr. Logan expressed himself as being highly pleased with our city and people, and promised the St. Louis Chapter a grand time whenever they visit Kansas City.

Miss Aderlynne Wilson one of the most talented elocutionist of the race, is now permanently located at 2660 Lucas avenue, and will train young men and ladies in elocutionary work at moderate prices. Miss Wilson is of the Boston School of Elocution, and far excels any the race has ever produced. She is a born actress and a correct delineator of Shakespeare.

St. Louis can well boast of some gifted and talented young ladies. Miss V. S. Clay and Miss Jennie Mack are among the very best our city affords. They do not work for self aggrandizement, but for the advancement of education in the dramatic art. We need more such young ladies among us.

Miss Louise Morgan of 2641 Lucas avenue, has opened a dressmaking parlor at her residence. She is an enterprising young lady and merits the patronage of all.

Young man, the way to win a true woman is not so much theater going, and spending your last cent for amusements, but entertain her in the parlor, discuss with her literature and works of art. Endeavor to cultivate in her a love for works of the master minds, and when she will have become your better half, you will then have a wife who will appreciate her home circle, a true and faithful woman and a devoted mother. Women are often spoiled by the seed sown before marriage.

There was a grand leap year and dramatic concert given by Miss Georgia McCall at St. Paul's Chapel Dec. 30th. The Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church gave a concert in connection with their Christmas tree the 25th.

A grand musicale and literary entertainment will be given Friday Jan. 8th under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Society of St. Elizabeth's Parish.

The Central Baptist church was crowded to its doors Christmas night with the finest gathering of young people ever witnessed in our city. The presents sent by friends to be distributed were so numerous that the tree and stage looked like a bazarr. Dr. W. P. I. Jones, superintendent of the Sunday School, presented an excellent program, and provided each member of the school with confections.

Miss Georgia Kelly of Springfield, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Neil, at 1535 Singleton street. Miss Kelly is a beautiful singer and bids fair in becoming a leading prima donna.

Mrs. A. W. Lloyd and Mrs. John Oliver of West Lucas avenue, entertained friends at dinner Christmas. An enjoyable day was spent.

A very appreciative audience greeted a few members of the "Mound City Dramatic Club" at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Christmas night. Misses Sevier and Seals presided at the piano, and Henry Carter proved himself a master of the trombone. Among the many recitations rendered were "Othello's Address Before the Senate" and the "Blacksmith's Story." Miss Aderlynne Wilson captivated the audience

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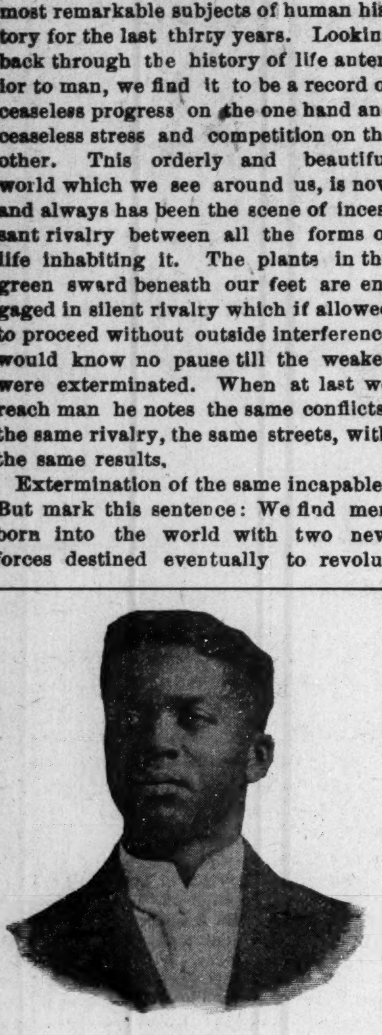
THE POLITICAL PROBLEM.

THE NEGRO'S NEEDS AND CONDITIONS SOCIALLY.

Methods by Which he Can be an Important Factor in the Different Avenues of Life—Push, Pluck and Nerve Needed.


PROF. G. T. LASTER.

I shall take my text upon one of the most remarkable subjects of human history for the last thirty years. Looking back through the history of life anterior to man, we find it to be a record of ceaseless progress on the one hand and ceaseless stress and competition on the other. This orderly and beautiful world which we see around us, is now and always has been the scene of incessant rivalry between all the forms of life inhabiting it. The plants in the green sward beneath our feet are engaged in silent rivalry which if allowed to proceed without outside interference would know no pause till the weaker were exterminated. When at last we reach man he notes the same conflicts, the same rivalry, the same streets, with the same results.

Extermination of the same incapables But mark this sentence: We find men born into the world with two new forces destined eventually to revolutionize it, namely his reason and his capacity for acting in concert with his fellows in organized societies. The conflict of races, the worsting of the weaker, none the less effective even when it is silent and painless, the subordination or else the slow extinction of the inferior is not a page from the past or the distant. It is all taking place to-day beneath our eyes in different parts of the world.

No one who engages in a serious study of the period of transition through which our southern civilization is passing at the present time, can resist the conclusion that we are rapidly approaching a time when we shall be face to face with social and political problems graver in character and more far-reaching in extent than any which have been hitherto encountered. These problems are not peculiar to any nationality included in our civilization, but in the method of their solution the social efficiency of the various sections of the Southern people will probably be put to a severer test than any which it has yet had to undergo. We have only to look around us in the world in which we live to see that the rivalry which man maintains with his fellows has become the leading and dominant feature of our civilization. We watch the Anglo-Saxon overflowing his boundaries, going forth to take possession of new territories. Invariably he has exterminated the less developed people with which he has come into competition, not always necessarily by fierce and cruel wars of extermination, but through the operation of laws not less deadly and even more certain in their results. The weaker race disappears before the stronger through the affect of mere contact.

However, looking at this at a glance, we have a great duty that we owe each other before we can get in the up-hill road and stay in it. While other races are uniting and going against all other races, the Negro, as a general thing, is going against himself. We see it every day. Brothers and sisters of same families and all other relatious fighting each other, then going into a lawsuit for which both have to pay for results As long as this is kept up we need not expect other than to be called the inferior race. It is getting time for us to think—think as a whole to our interest. The Caucasians, the Chinamen, the Indian, the Irishman and all other races are thinking that way, and why not we do the same?

The social position of the man in whose veins Negro blood courses is unalterably fixed at birth. He may grow to be wise, wealthy, to be intrusted even with the responsibility of office, but he is still looked upon as a Negro, being classified with the lower classes. We have people among us, who, after reaching a certain height in life, try to leave his race, but this name, Negro, will always prevent those pleasures which the white race enjoy. We should first become proud of our race and strive to emulate intelligent men and women regardless of race or color.

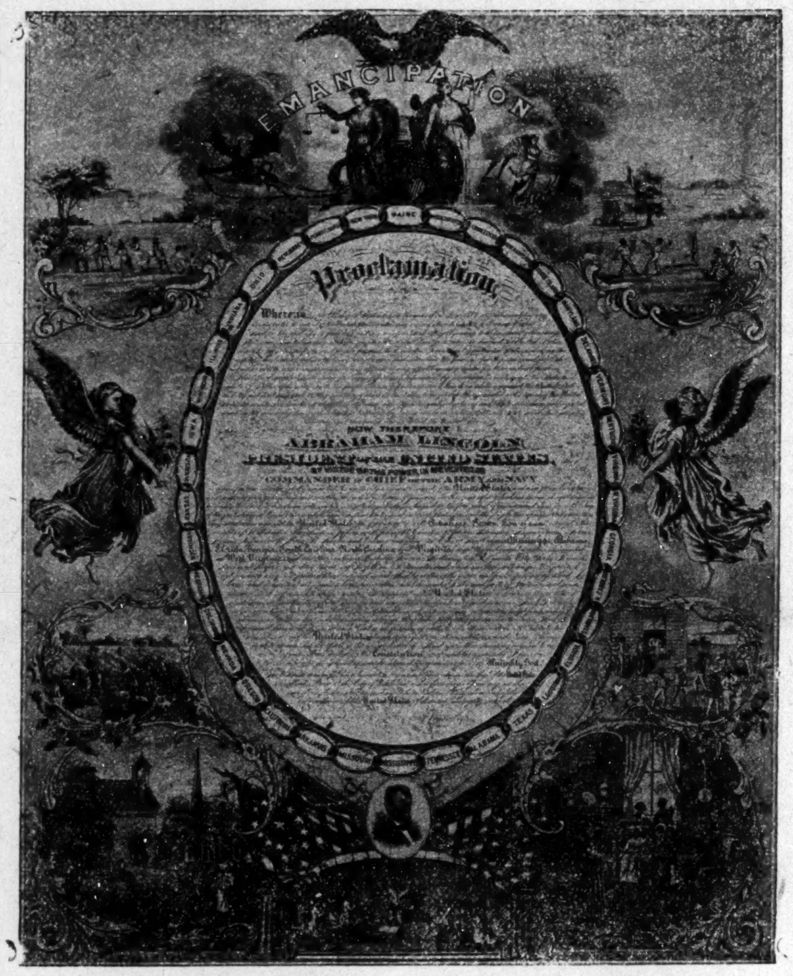
I have written a book known as the "Pleasing Home Comforter," containing 103 pages neatly bound in board cover which I am selling for 30c per copy. I have sold a good many of the copies to both white and colored. I can say that the whites who took a copy commended it very highly and say they are only too willing to help a colored man when they see he is trying to make a mark in life. Many of our colored friends have also taken a copy, but a good many of them have refused, some having very reasonable excuses while others did not. I am only 22 years of age, and my chances for schooling has been very poor, but amid ordinary surroundings I have studied quite hard I have held a few prominent positions, namely: A second term in the city public schools, position as principal of the Stephens public schools, and am also the superintendent of the A. M. E. Sunday school of this city. All colored friends will do me quite a favor by purchasing a copy of my book and doing all they can to help place it in the colored families. The following are a few of the subjects contained in the book: "Prayer," "Life," "Conscience," "Imperfection of Conscience," "The Moral Guide," "Duty of Wife," "Duty of Engaged Lady," "Duty of Husband," "Duty of Engaged Gentleman," "Duty of Parents," "Duty of Children to Parents," "Progress of the Negro," and several others of the same importance.

The only way for us as a whole to reach any distance in life is to begin early. Parents should call their children around them and talk with them on all matters of importance. Let them learn what was learned in the story of Dannecker, who tried to sculpture a statute of Christ. After years of labor he succeeded in making something noble, beautiful, costly, but he doubted his achievements, called a child and asked, "Who is that?" "A great man," cried the child; but greatness was not what he wished to show. After more long labor he again asked a child. "A good man," was the reply. That was nearer success, but still fell short. Two years later he paused again in his work. This time the child stood reverently before the statue and said: "Suffer little children to come unto me." The sculpturer had succeeded at last. True success in life is only reached when we aim high and succeed in our undertaking. For us to be successful, we have three things to bear in mind: First, we must remember God and never forget to pray. Many of us try to succeed without him, but we fail; we reach a certain hight and then fail. We should remember this good old hymn:

"Jesus the name high over all,
In hell, or earth, or sky,
Angels and men before Him fall,
And devils fear to fly."

Second, To succeed we must have push and pluck about us; third, we as parents must assist the teachers in trying to make something of our children. I find parents daily going against the teachers for their children when they know nothing of the school business We will never succeed until we all get on the same side.

G. T Laster,
Ass't Camden, Ark., Public School.



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Celebrated their Fifth Anniversary.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Miss Utah Jacobs, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Jacobs, was married the 16th ult., in Avery Chapel, to Charles P. Washington, the Rev. John W. Abby, officiating. The Whittier Historical Association celebrated their fifth anniversary Thursday evening, the 17th ult., at Collins' Chapel. The orator of the evening was Prof. W. H. Council, of Normal, Ala. His subject was "Wm. Lloyd Garrison." The oration was a masterly one from the beginning. The speaker showed himself at home with his subject. He spoke with much tenderness of Garrison's early life, and of his mother's heroic effort of the support and education of her children. As the speaker warmed into his subject, the product became magnificant. Mention of Chrispus Attucks and Nat Turner brought forth appreciating demonstrations from his attentive audience. When the speaker spoke of the bloodthirsty, hellish mob who slaughtered and dragged Garrison through the streets of Boston, he was vivid and tender, declaring that the posterity of the people must ever hide their faces in shame from their ancestor's crime. He said when that mob dragged Garrison over the spot made sacred by the blood of Attucks only a few years before, they brought down upon their heads everlasting shame. The speaker uttered many things descriptive of the life and times of Garrison, which are practical to us to-day. He declared that when the black women of the South will rise up and throw from their bosom the white man, then she can pry open the closed doors of hotels and theatres; then she can beat down the high walls of prejudice with which we are circumscribed. The music of the evening was pleasant and entertaining. Mrs. L. G. Thompson rendered in her happy musical style, "Yankee Gill," by Whittier. Charles Whitmoore died at his home on Coma street, Thursday evening. Interment in Zion cemetery.

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Clarksville Cullings.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Williams Barker died at his residence on Poston street, after a long illness, on the 8th ult. Mrs. C. Warfield is on the sick list Rev. Stokes, of Nashville, is in the city. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Overton says The Freeman is the greatest paper for the race on earth. Mrs. Sallie Daniels is convalescent. Miss Emma Moody, who has been visiting in South Tennessee, has returned. Smith Jackson, of Hensleytown, Ky., was in the city last week. Miss Alice Jones, of Kennedy, Ky., was in the city last week. Mrs. William Boyd, who has been confined to her room, is able to be out. Mrs. Charles Hunter is on the sick list. Miss Nannie Johnson was in the city Saturday. John Hudson, who broke his leg a short time ago, was out on the street Sunday. Mrs. Loue Armstrong is home from Louisville, Ky. Mrs. N. Dickson is on the sick list. Mrs. Mentie Williams is improving in health. Miss C. Parrish will visit Chicago soon. Richard Jones was in the city last week. Henry Haynes and Miss Nancy Reaves were married at the home of the bride in West Clarksville, Rev. H. Metcalf officiating. Our public schools are moving along nicely. It has thirteen teachers, with Prof. Robert Yancy, principal. Robert E. Hall made a trip to Henderson recently.

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Another Joyful Day.

Chatham, Ont., Can., Special.

Sunday, Dec. 20th, was another joyful feasting day. Though the pastor being absent, and Prof. Daniel Eddie was also absent looking after The Freeman, but Prof. Moulton, one of Chatham township energetic young minister, held services at 11 and 7:30. At 2:15 p. m. we had a large school. Q. B. Scott acted as Superintendent and conducted the school. Mr. Scott is another of our race leaders; he bids fair to make his mark in life. Miss Liza McCathern and Miss Susie have entered the school and are helping to carry on the work. The Freeman is wonderfully stirring up our people. It is in every church goer's home. Prof. Eddie is devoting his spare time in canvassing for it. Rev. J. H. C. McPherson, agent.

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Negroes (or at least Republican Negroes) do not receive fat political jobs on account of their "greatness," political work, education or ability, as the records will bear me out. There are only two classes of "brothers in black" who get fat positions from "the party of Lincoln, Sumner and Grant." They are the self-appointed Negro leaders of wealth and the special favor political valets of the great white leaders of the party. The true representative Negro leader "gets left" every time, no matter how much he or his following kicks and yells for recognition and "our just merits." The Negro of wealth gets the position because he is a "has been" or spends his money following the job up. The political valet gets his because the Hon. —— (which) asks it on the grounds that he is a good "boy" or "bright coon" in whom the white honorable political brother (?) has taken an interest. The real Negro political leader gets—left.

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I hereby announce that I am a candidate for Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, and would confidentially say to all other colored Republicans with eyes on the office (and there are by actual count 23), that I know I have the inside track. They will hardly expect me to state why I "know" it (and if they do I will not tell), still I do know it. I also know that I may never step into Bro. C. H. J. Taylor's shoes, and if I do, I'll be obliged to put paper soles into them; still I have the paper soles all ready. Bro. Knox and twenty-two others are pitted against me—may the best man win, and may that man be "B. Square." By-the-way, why do we only try to get the Recorder of Deeds, Minister to Hayti and Liberia? Why not make a strike for some other positions? Echo answers why?

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Several persons in New York state (all "great" Negro politicians) concluded I referred to them in a recent "Bluster" column as "Bro. What's-his-name" being a candidate for Minister to Hayti. A few days ago "a great political leader" slapped me rather hard upon the back and remarked, "Hey Hodges, you newspaper men are h—l. I didn't know that you knew I was a candidate for Minister to Hayti—come in and have something." I was puzzled; thrice puzzled. I wondered what he meant by "have something." What made him think he was capable of being Minister to Hayti and what act or acts of his entitled him to be Minister to Hayti, and what acts of mine caused him to think I knew his ambition. He pulled me into a strange looking "store" and asked what I would have. I told him a glass of milk. As I was drinking my milk (?) he remarked: "Say, Gus, (he had no right to call me anything but—hat in hand—Mr. Hodges) who told you that I was a candidate for Minister to Hayti?" "I never knew it before you told me so a few minutes ago," I replied. "Oh come off old man, didn't I read your Bluster in which you said Bro What's-his-name had both eyes on the Ministership to Hayti. I knew you meant me the minute I read it. Have something more. Hey bartender, fill 'em up again and give us a couple of good cigars, two for a quarter. Say, I had some photographs taken to-day and when they are done I want you to make a cut of me and write me up in The Freeman; the pictures will be done Wednesday. I'll leave one around to your house. Let's see, where is it, 582 Warren street, five eighty-two Warren. Let me see, that's near Third avenue, ain't it? Say, bartender, fill 'em up again; what, no more? Well Gus, old man, don't fail to write me up for the Press, Advertiser and Freeman. Going to take a Third avenue car? Well bye bye, old chappie, remember me to your wife. Oh I beg pardon, Gus, I forgot you had lost your wife. She was a noble lady. I met her twice at the literary and once at Mr. Watkins. You have my sympathy my boy. When you are over in New York run up and see me. I live at —— West 135th street. Well, so long."

A certain newspaper man of color who told his friends that he knew I ment him, indirectly gave me rats through the columns of the little sheet, referring to me as "a writer in The Freeman." My boy, beg pardon, but don't cher know I had forgotten the fact that you resided in Greater New York? I was not even thinking about you when I wrote the article. One "great" political weather cock knows I was referring to him and is fighting mad He only wishes I had not been so "cowardly" and had used his name so he could have commenced a libel suit against me. Why you old turn coat, bless your socks, ink is too dear to use upon you, and time too precious and space in The Freeman too valuable. Referring to you, ha, ha, ha, well say!

In the meantime the real "Bro. What's-his-name" is saying nothing but sawing wood. I am never personal for two reasons: First, I am to old a journalistic rat to give any grounds for a libel suit; Second, I care not for men but the acts of men. Mankind is divided into several classes, self-conceited, honorable, dishonorable, lying, soft, hard, good, bad and other classes, and—you are not the only member in your class; you are not the only "great" colored Republican leader in the U. S.; you are not the only political cinder going to the dump; you are not the only bull-frog in the pond; you are not the only hound in the fox hunt—there are others.

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Of the Powers and Susceptibility Of the Mind.

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Understanding is the mind perceiving and discriminating. Emotion, of whatever kind, is the mind sensibly impressed or excited. The object of this distinction is, to detach from the phenomena of mind, all ideas of independence and positive existence. They only exist relatively; and strictly speaking, constitute and should be considered as an exhibition of the capacities and furniture of the mind. And the same is true of all our sensations. They do not sustain to the mind the relation that the inferior members do to the body—constituent parts of a perfect whole; for a sensation is the mind affected in a particular way, or formed in a given state of consciousness. That the mind has original and necessary capacity to be affected in this way, is entirely certain, but still philosophically considered, the whole series of our sensations only exist when they are felt; that is, as the mind is variously affected by external objects and causes.

The capacity of the mind to undergo given changes subjectively, we denominate its susceptibilities; and its capacity to originate or produce certain changes and results, we style its powers. The result of all our thinking, and of all philosophizing on this subject, is simply this power and susceptibility, as applied to the mind: more simply, its capacity to act or to be acted upon, in all the ten thousand diversities of volition, intelligence and emotion. Our powers and susceptibilities of mind, therefore, are in no way distinguishable from mind itself. A thought is the mind thinking. An idea is the mind piercing. An emotion is the mind feeling. And we can have no conception of either, without the direct implication of the mind's active or receptive agency. The whole question, therefore, of the mind's powers and susceptibilities, without giving them any existence or consequence abstracted from the mind, resolves itself into the mind's energy of varied action, as an individual, indivisable entity; and its susceptibility of emotion, in all the complexity of its possible modifications.

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The new muffs are mostly of velvet, with a frill on each side of the plain centre piece, headed on one side by a band of fur. Colored velvet muffs to match the hats or toques will be worn, with light brocade linings, and some fur and fancy beaded gimp. Muff chains are greatly worn, with small pearls, turquoises or coral beads at distances. Fastidious dressers tack in a small piece of peau d'Espagne into muff linings to perfume them.

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Flounces are being worn in the evening. A few skirts are pleated on the hips, the pleats kept down by small straps; others have few outstanding tucks, placed perpendicularly, while a few have flat side pieces like pockets on the hips, with the fullness proceeding from them just at the side of the skirt.

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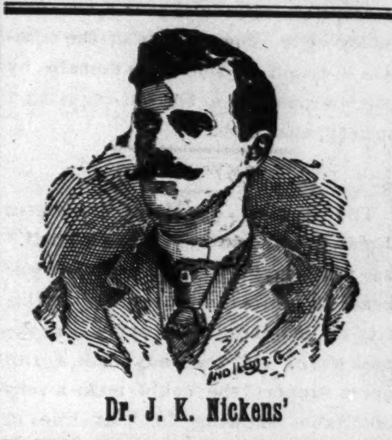

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LAWLESSNESS IN KENTUCKY.

Kentucky has been for years past the home of broils, feuds and factions. Just why she seeks to sustain herself in these respects is worthy of scientific investigation. There is no earthly doubt but what some general causes lie at the bottom of her activities in these directions. It is said that in New York the extremes meet in reference to wealth and poverty. Some such a law that regulates human society is applicable to Kentucky in about the same manner. Kentucky has been noted and is yet, for its chivalry, generosity, hospitality, fair women, brave men, fine horses and most excellent whiskey. To those who are studiously inclined, it is very apparent that these superfine attainments must have a complement—a balance wheel or a vent spout. The recent scenes witnessed in that state is convincingly indicative of the aforestated conclusions. It was said of Texas when that state grew diabolical a year or so ago, that if some way could be devised by which it could be effaced from the map of this country; outlawed, so to speak, as an offensive element to civilization, the scheme would be hailed with delight. But it is not Texas that is the subject of our attention, but our contiguous sister state of reprehensible record — Kentucky. Kentucky, the state that was hailed with enthusiasm as emerging from Bourbonism into the broad ways of Republicanism; and perchance there hangs a tale. It is not believed that the annals of the history of the states offers such a spectacle as Kentucky presents the dying year. Seven men, almost in the court's precincts, therefore no excuse whatever, are offered up to the shrine of brutality in one short week—Negroes in the main. Where is the remedy for this inequality before the law? Those who are parading the steady advancement of the race must pause. Dollars, nor cents, nor educational considerations are all of life. This wholesale murdering is detoning the black race world wide. New York and California, Maine and Florida are in common affected. If not, the abuses of the race are merited. The sum of respect for the race is lessened when these violent infractions of human and divine laws are committed with impunity. To increase the sum of respect for the race, is the question of the hour. There is no doubt but what a portion of the people of Kentucky, according to the law of extremes, is innoculated with a spirit of total depravity, having no conception of what government means, when the Negro is the subject. All laws regulating human conduct are suspended. Passion becomes the sole arbiter—the mob—the few clique together to mete out punishment according to rules born of the moment, forgetful that they (the mob) at once violate more rules than the person proceeded against. The virtuous, bloody handed mob not only sends a trembling wretch to his fathers, but it sears the conscience, if there is a Kentucky mob conscience, each and every participant is a murderer, with the additional qualification of being fiends. Fiends, because there is no reason for the deeds committed. Society detoned, hatred engendered, race lines more perceptible, misnomer courts, are some of the evils growing out of the ruthless invasion of the law's domain by the few members of the self-regulating society, alias mob.

A NEW FIELD.

The singing of Mme. Sissieretta Jones, better known as "Black Patti," has not been over-estimated. She was heard to quite an advantage in this city in snatches from opera airs the past week. If the lady had a full opera support she could make a very creditable showing in that line of work. The encores to these selections proves the fact that plantation melodies are not always to be the object that actuates the music lovers to hear Negroes sing. The legitimate singers that showed training and finish, were received as warmly, if not more so than the rough and tumble people. The company is highly creditable and does not depend on Negro patronage for existence. This speaks very well for the race, for it must be admitted that in this respect the race has made a tremendous stride. It may be a side of life not to be too seriously recommended, but even the stage is a promotion in many respects.

THEY SAY WE ARE WRONG.

Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Institute, delivered an address before the faculty and students of Trinity College, Durham, N. C. This is the first instance on record of a Southern white college inviting a Negao to deliver an address. Mr. Washington says that he and the half dozen colored who accompanied him were treated with the greatest courtesy, and his address was received with marked enthusiasm. As he left the colledge grounds the students assembled on the campus and gave him their college yell.—The Freeman.

The Freeman is away behind. Dr. J. C. Price, by invitation, addressed the faculty and students of a white college at Spartanburg, S. C., nearly ten years ago; and while he waited at the station for the cars, a committee from the colledge presented him with a gold-headed cane. The Freeman will please make the correction. Zion these days is guarding carefully her laurels.—Star of Zion.

It is not customary for The Freeman to be behind on any occasion, but we are not infallible; hence stand corrected, thanking you for the information.

A CONSULSHIP WOULD SUIT HIM.

Hon. Gurley Brewer, principal of the colored schools of Mt. Vernon, Ind., is in the city circulating among his friends. Mr. Brewer is a young man of ability, having graduated from Wilberforce in the class of '88. He has been more or less prominent in politics of the state since his school days, attending nearly all state conventions as a delegate from Vincennes, Ind. He seconded the nomination of F. J. Scholtz for state treasurer at the Ft. Wayne convention in 1872. He made an active canvass of the state during the last campaign in the interest of McKinley. He is an orator of ability. Mr. Brewer is modest in his demands on the party for his brilliant services. He is content in going to San Domingo as Consul, if the fates so decree. He was a valuable aid to the last campaign management, and doubtless he will fare well at the hands of the administration.

Miss Essie Johnson, a most estimable young lady of this city, has won her second medal in the St. Mary's Art Academy. The medal is gold, artistically designed and appropriately engraved with her name and other characters emblematical of the institution. It is the first medal won by a colored pupil for a number of years. Miss Johnson is a graduate of the Indianapolis High school.

We are in receipt of an invitation to attend the Idlewild Social Club's holiday reception, Antonio, Tex. A merry Christmas we vote you, hoping you may enjoy many more such occasions.

Send one subscriber during the month of January and $1 and receive free the "Drummer's Yarns."

WHAT PROFITETH IT?

Those who are trying to belittle Hon. D. A. Straker, of Michigan, owing to the title of "judge," are in very small business. It is not to the point as to the title of his position, but as to the manner the position passed from him. It is exceedingly mean and all together contemptible to raise a question as to the title of his office. Is Mr. Straker honorable? is the question. If so, does not this entitle him to common respect? Mr. Straker has laid no stress on his judgeship. He simply gave to the world his version of the cause for his defeat. Whether commissioner or judge is not the question. Mr. Straker has been an instrument for good in building up the race, and that is more than the harpies at his heels can say. The Freeman has nothing but veneration and homage to pay to those who have striven long and well in the advancement of the people, whether in or out of office. We reassert that the turning down of Straker is a species of politics too widely prevalent in the race. It is useless to assert that Michigan has elected a man to the legislature—mere empty honors, the redeeming feature of which is that it might lead to greater rewards. But it is all problematical. It is a poor lesson in economy for the race, if he feels paid in the exchange of offices. We are here to say, other people do not think that way. If there is a grain of consolation to be gained out of the reversed situation, it must be charged up to the sense or lack of sense in those who feel consoled.

BISHOP ARNETT IN MEMPHIS.

According to report, Bishop Benjamin W. Arnett delivered a speech in Beale Street Baptist church, Memphis, Tenn., to an audience of 2,000 or more people. His reference to Cuba was received with the warmest enthusiasm and acclamations, showing that the tale of suffering humanity anywhere is a theme that crowds closely to the Negro's heart. His own past and present infirmities from a race standpoint mellows his heart to the distressed and afflicted, political, financial and otherwise. The speaker was introduced by Prof. J. N. Ruffin in a very strong characteristic speech which doubtless was prepared with some labor. It was an epitomized biography of Bishop Arnett, which is so succinctly put that a reproduction is not out of order:

"In 1839 the orator of this occasion was born at Brownsville, Pa, amid stormy times; born when the heavens were black with lowering clouds; born when the Negro's sun was shrouded in darkness, when hope had no habitation in him. Self-made, self-educated, self-informed, he hugged the chimney corner which illuminated his spelling book and assisted him in the perusal of his reader. He was the decoy duck that carried slaves to Canada; the driver that drove the wagon of freedom; the engineer that surveyed the underground railroad that ran its trains which landed hundreds of poor slaves into the depot of liberty. In 1888 I find this underground railroad man elected a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal church On September 11, 1893, I find him at the World's Congress of Religions, where the heads of all the creeds of the globe were gathered. Cardinal Gibbons was there; Archbishop Zantee, of Greece, was there; Archbishop Redwood, of Australia, was there, as well as Mozamdar, the leader of the new dispensation of India; Dharmaphala, the philosopher of Ceylon, and the Archbishop of Japan, New Zealand and Siam were all there, when this giant representing the freedom of America, made his powerful speech. On the 15th of September I find him presiding over this great body. On September 22d I find him with Father Slatterly, of Baltimore, and Archbishop O'Gorman, of Washington, celebrating the triumph of liberty on the American continent, celebrating the fact that not a slave crouched beneath the Western skies as this nineteenth century closed. I hear now a body of 5,000 or 10,000 people shouting when Bishop O'Gorman said the Catholic church made no distinction between men, either living or dead. I hear them yell and yell with frenzy when the noted hero on our rostrum rose, grasped Bishop O'Gorman's hand and said: If 'Catholicism will do this for the Negro, what will Protestantism do?'"

Prof. Ruffin then introduced the Bishop to the audience. Bishop Arnett was greeted with applause when he arose. His speech was exceedingly eloquent, the points he presented being in such forciable and sweeping style that he moved his hearers to wild applause. The bishop took up the great men of the white race who had risen from the lowest condition to be president or members of the senate. He compared the Negro Douglass with these men, and then asked if Douglass, with the obstacles in his way, did not deserve more consideration than the white man, and of course the crowd yelled "Yes." American citizenship was discussed at length. Bishop Arnett saw in the Negro the greatest possibilities for development so far as citizenship was concerned. A strong word picture was painted of the progress of the Ethiopian race. He said the Negro women made the standard of their race, and he exhorted them to lead noble lives. Three things would make the colored race, religion, education and money. He advised every colored person to buy a home and become worth more.

"BARKIS IS WILLIN."

Word comes from New Berne, N. C., that the Hon. Isaac H. Smith, banker, would not mind laying aside his present position to enjoy one under the next administration, in order to help perpetuate memories of what is to be the most "glorious reign in the administrative annals of the country." In the language of the street, "there are others." Mr. Smith says that he now enjoys a salary equal to the one attached to the office in question, and that he is very likely to enjoy one much higher if he remains where he is, the head of a great bank. But simply for his country's good he is willing to be offered up as a sacrifice to go down in history as one who was a part of the great administration that hovereth so nigh. The self denial on the part of Mr. Smith is indeed worthy of some consideration, everything else being equal. Hear the manifesto:

"Dear and Kind Friends:—Kindly say, I am not an office seeking candidate, but would accept the trust for honor and glory attached to the office. Be it remembered, and I am now holding a position of great responsibility which is equal to the salary paid a Recorder of Deeds in the District. This position has a life tenure attached to it and the salary may be raised to twenty-five times the salary of the Recorder. Now, I have a great liking respect and polished regard for the incoming administration, coupled with high aspiration that it will go down in the history of the world as being the most progressive of any antedating it."

The Christmas number of the Michigan Representative, is worthy of note. It is full of choice reading matter, and quite well gotten up mechanically.

POLITICAL POTPOURRI.

In these days of heated political activity, caused by the expectancy of a division of the spoils. It is a pleasure to grasp the hand of a friend and brother in whose ear an official bee is not buzzing. It has the same resemblance to the average colored person, who undoubtedly believes he has "been called to preach." Likewise with the colored politician; he feels that without the untiring zeal and energy he put forth in the last campaign, the Republican party would have been compelled to have taken a trip up Salt river. But as he remained and labored he feels that the old motto of "labor has its reward," should not be dormant in his case, but that he should receive something from the public fountain.

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No greater strife and struggle is exhibited in the Cuban-Spanish war, than that portrayed by our colored politicians in the struggle for political recognition.

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It is said that a Negro clerk, one each in the House of Representatives and the Senate, will represent the Negro vote in the coming Indiana Legislature. In the history of the Indiana Legislature, there have only been two colored clerks, Messrs. Edward Bagby and Albert Farley. It has been fifteen years since we were last represented there.

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An attempt will be made in the coming legislature to have the "Black Laws" expunged from the statue books of this state. They are a disgrace to the commonwealth, and each Negro should lend his assistance in that direction.

Found Unconsious.

Columbus, O., Special.

Mrs. Jane Banks of Lancaster, is visiting Mrs. Nancy Patterson. Mrs. Summer and children of Canton, O., are visiting their mother, Mrs. Alex. Hay Clayton of Maryville, is spending the holidays in the city. Mrs. W. H. Stewart and family paid a short visit to Urbana. C. Stanton is very sick. W. Stevens of St. Clair street, is on the sick list. Mrs. Lewis of Detroit, is visiting Mrs. Lee. B. Jackson of Bellfountain, was found early Saturday morning in an unconsious condition. His recovery is doubtful. It is not known how he met the acident, but it is thought he fell out of a stable where he was working. Dean House arrivals: Abraham Ford of Walcut, N. Y., Wm. Simpson of Dayton, O., W. F. Coleman, of Zanesville, O., Mrs. S. Brown, Mrs. M. E. Brown, A. Fenner. C. Jamison is on the sick list. The Freeman is for sale at Washington's barber shop on Long near Third street. All items for The Freeman can be left there. St. Mark of Masons met at their hall and marched to St. Paul A. M. E. church where the anniversay sermon was delivered to the Masonic Fraternity by Rev. W. J. Johnson, the pastor. In counting up the number of employes in our different state institution in Columbus there are between 6 and 700, and among them I find the Afro-Americans have thirteen among the public institutions of Ohio that are in Columbus.

We have had many requests from subscribers to send them a Christmas present. By sending $1, you will get one that will be of great value to you during the year of '97—The Freeman.

OUR HOLIDAY NUMBER.

The Indianapolis Freeman did itself proud in its Xmas clothes in point of excellent news, writeups, etc., to suit the classics in news of the day.—Wide Awake, Birmingham, Ala.

The Freeman, last week, in her Christmas number, raised the standard of Negro journalism one degree higher. It was neat, pretty and full of interesting articles on the race from the pens of eminent colored men.—Florida Sentinel.

Editor Knox, of the Indianapolis Freeman, is to be congratulated upon the Xmas number of his paper. It is one of the most commendable efforts along the line of colored journalism we have seen.—The Michigan Representative.

The Christmas number of the Indianapolis Freeman has been received, and its twelve pages are filled with most interesting reading matter. It is printed on heavy book paper and reflects the possibilities of the Negro in the art of printing. The Freeman is a National paper, and we commend it as one worthy of general support.—Western Outlook.

The holiday number of The Freeman, the most influential and extensive Negro paper in the United States has been received, and is a credit to its publishers and the race in whose interest it is conducted. Typographically, artistically and editorially it compares well with the best work in its line, and is an incontrovertible proof of Negro advancement, both educationally and in mechanical achievement.—Greenville (Miss.,) Times.

The Christmas numbers of The Freeman and the Appeal were superior specmens of the printer's art as it is understood and practiced by the race. The illustrations were in the main creditable and the contributions, especially The Freeman's, were choice and select. We are sure The World wishes its pushing contemporaries such a support in the future as their painstaking efforts to please their reading clientage entitles them to.—Indianapolis World.

The holiday edition of The Freeman is before us, and its management is entitled to a large mead of praise for its excellence. Its columns fairly scintillate with thoughts from the pens of such well known persons as Hons. B. K. Bruce, John M. Langston, Robert H. Terrell, R. W. Thompson, Judge D. A. Straker, Revs. J. M. Henderson, Alexander Crumwell, Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, Mrs. Helen Douglass, M. A. Majors, T. Thomas Fortune and others. It is a literary gem, a typographical beauty and shows what can be done by the race along journalistic lines.—Colored American.

Press of business allows us only a moment, ever and anon, to glance over our exchanges, but it is marvelous to see the gigantic strides many of our contemporaries are making in the field of journalism. The "Indianapolis Freeman" and the "Chicago Appeal" we have especially noticed as reflecting great credit upon their publishers. They have set the pace for 1897. Look out, gentleman! The Race-Standard is in the lists. The dawn of brighter days in Maryland gives impetus to work, and strong hands and willing hearts, backed by an appreciative public, will help us to the fore.—Race-Standard, Baltimore, Md.

Church News.

Chatham, Ont. Canada, Special.

The Sunday School gave a grand exhibition with the Y. M. C., at the Union M. E. church on Dec. 25-29. A large gathering witnessed the entertainment. The choir sang appropriate Xmas songs Miss Rosie Scott presided at the organ, Prof. Eddie and Chas. McCathern gave addresses, subject: "Christmas Day," followed by Mrs. Malinda Eddie, subject: "Attending Sunday Services and the Benefits thereof." Mr. Alexander Eddie, the general manager, spared no pains to have everything in order. Misses Francis Arlena, Nellie, Annie and Rosie Scott, and Miss Susie Milton held the audience spell bound. Mr. Eddie with his sleigh and his fast trotter of 2:30, is busy looking after the interest of The Freeman. Miss Arlena Scott will address the Y. M. C on Sunday Jan. 3rd, subject: "The Demands of the Hour," followed by Miss Nellie Scott, subject: "Go Forward Church, Race and Freeman" Prof. Eddie will follow, subject "The Freeman." We want 20 subscribers for January.

The Japanese Concert a Success.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Oscar Harris of Logansport, spent vacation with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lewis. Miss Edison of Indianapolis, is the guest of relatives. Mr. Charles Marshall of Marion, Ind., is in the city. Mr. Woods of Lafayette, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Woods. Ezra Roberts came home from Butler College for the holidays. Rev. Samuel Burrel, an ex-pastor of the A. M. E. Chapel, has been in the city for some time. He preached two powerful sermons at the church last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Marion, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gaskin. The grand Japanese umbrella entertainment given at the Tabernacle on Chistmas by Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe and son has been pronounced as one of the greatest ever given by local colored talent. The solo singing was up-to-date also the play "Ugliest of Seven." The playing of Washburn Guitar Club was well received. The main feature of this entertainment was the Fan Drill. It was a grand success. Mr. J. A. Braboy exhibited his piano with mandolin accompaniment at the Japanese concert. Rev. R. Roberts is improved in health. Miss Mabel Parker and Claud Waterman of Logansport, passed through the city enroute to Indianapolis. Mr. Walden of Peru, Ind., was down to the Japanese concert. Rev. Smith preached Sunday at the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Amanda Winburn read a paper on "Redemption of Africa," before the Missionary Society Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Titus Ballenger entertained at dinner on Christmas, Miss B, Winburn, Messrs. Coleman, H. Burnett and Samuel Ratliffe. The children held their Christmas exercises at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening under the management of Mr. R A. Brown. Christmas exercises were held at the Second Baptist church Saturday night. A large crowd was present. Mrs. Jane Gaskin who sold the largest number of tickets for the Japanese umbrella entertainment was awarded a beautiful water set at Sunday services

Grand Rally Day.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Clinton Barnett returned home to Huntington, W. Va., last Wednesday. Rufus Penn, of Charleston, W. Va., is spending a few days in the city. Miss Mary Coleman, who made an extended trip to Springfield, O., returned on the 28th ult., accompanied by George Brown. Mrs. Anna Ware who was called to Yellow Springs, O., to attend the funeral of her brother, returned last week. Mrs. Selina Holmes, of Cummingsville, who died Dec. 27th, was buried on the 29th. Mrs. Harriet White, of Richmond, Ky., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bettie Hogan. Last Sunday was grand rally at Zion Baptist church, at which the pulpit was filled by the following leading distinguished divines: Rev. W. C. Coleman, of Canada, who preached a very interesting sermon at 11 a. m. Afternoon at 3 p. m., Dr. Collins, of Brown Chapel, W. H., preached quite an encouraging sermon. At 7:45 the pastor, Rev. Harris, preached a stirring sermon to a large audience. Miss Fannie Edmondson, of Sparta, Ky., is visiting in the city, the guest of Mrs. Julia Coleman, of W. Sixth street. Miss Florence Morton, who spent several days in the city, returned to her home last Tuesday. Luke DeLaney and Mr. Lee, of Wilberforce, spent Sunday with friends in the city. Prof. Harris of Louisville, Ky., is spending the holidays with Will Fielding. Dr. Collins, of Brown Chapel, W. H., in company with Rev. H. H. Harris and H. B. Brooks, were the guests of Mrs. Martha Johnson, of Park street, Sunday afternoon. The Musical Recital at Zion Baptist church, under the auspices of the literary entitled "David the Shephard Boy," was simply superb and favored with a good audience; Miss Anna B. Monroe, director.

A profitable and pleasant employment for boys and girls in their neighborhood would be the agency for The Freeman, the only illustrated Negro journal. Write for terms.

DRAMA, SONG, AND ART.

Concluded from First Page.

with two choice selections, "The Execution of Montrose" and "How the Slave Saved St. Michaels" and was the recipient of a beautiful boquet. "Asleep at the Switch" was rendered by S. J. Wilkinson. The audience enjoyed the refreshments of the season after the entertainment, congratulated the members of the company and bid them come again. E. L. Shelton, St. Louis' favorite orator was interlocutor, and in very neat speeches introduced each member of the company.

Miss Sallie Clay, the accomplished and popular principal of Wellston school, entertained patrons and friends of her school Christmas Eve with a choice program. The pupils show geod training in every branch. Miss Clay is an enthusiastic worker of the Central Literary Society, and as a literati is equal to any our race affords.

John Simpson, a prominent man of Kansas City, visited friends during the holidays. Miss Sophia Hill of Cincinnati, O., spent the holidays with Mrs. M A. Long, and was the center of attraction.

The funeral ceremonies over the body of the late Sandy Mix, the colored politician and fraternity enthusiast, began midnight Saturday, the 26th ult., and the burial took place Sunday afternoon, the 27th. He was prominent in colored Masonic circles, being a 33d degree Mason, and the obsequies during the night were conducted under the obsequies of the Supreme Council of the Western and Northwestern jurisdiction of the United States Scottish Rite Masons. This organization cared for the body until the arrival of prominent officials of the order from various parts of the country, one or more coming from California. The ceremony was performed according to an Oriental custom prescribed by the ritual of the Scottish Rite Masons, and this was the first time that it was ever conducted over the body of a colored Mason in the United States.

Dropped Dead on the Street.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Miss P. Baker, a student of Wilberforce college is spending her vacation with her mother. Mrs. D. Davidson entertained friends Christmas. Mr. G. Rile of Liberty, Ind., spent Christmas with his brother. Christmas dinner was served at the Baptist church and a concert was give in the evening. Robt. Findley dropped dead Christmas, and was buried Sunday from the A. M. E. church. The Cantata given by the young people and the concert by the Willing was a success.

No morpnine or opium in Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. Cure All Pain. "One cent a dose."

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Miss Fannie Hardrick is still quite sick.

Rev. Murray preached a very interesting sermon last Sunday morning.

Joseph Bowers is out again after a week's illness.

The solo by Mrs. Susie Steeple, last Friday at the entertainment was very sweet.

Mrs. Julia A. Hill, aunt of Rev. Murray returned to her home in Greencastle last Monday morning after eight weeks stay in our city, much improved in health.

The recitation by Mrs. Minnie West, and the solo by Miss Miller last Sunday evening was excellent.

Rev. Murray spent last Monday in Greencastle.

The cantata, "Haymakers" was rendered New Years, night.

Five persons joined the church last Sunday evening.

Frank Oliver is on the sick list.

The cantata given by the Sunday school Christmas night was a grand success. Much credit is due Mrs. Sallie Dudley and Mrs Lizzie Venerable for the excellent manner in which they trained the children.

Little Irene Bridges met with a painful accident last Thursday by mashing her finger.

Mr. Minor of North Indianapolis, and Robert King are on the sick list.

Mrs Dixon Hunter's infant daughter was buried last Saturday morning.

The following are the list of presents given Rev. Murray and wife last Thursday and Friday nights by members and friends of the church: Large mirror and office lamp, by the members; paper rack, Mr. and Mrs. Streat; office chair and Bible, a friend; three china cups, and a silk handkerchief, Mrs Cornelia Jones; apron and socks, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bolder; pair of vases, Mrs. Cathrine Tyler; photograph, Mrs. Steeple; card basket, Sunday sceool; five voluems of books, Mrs, Martha Miller; set of glasses Miss May Jackson; Rev. Murray to Mrs. Murray a set of dishes.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The Xmas tree entertainment was a grand success.

Rev. and Mrs. Martain Lyons joined the church last Sabbath.

Mrs. Jones on Dunlap street died on the 27th. Her funeral was preached by Dr. Carr on the 30th.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Mrs. M. L. Shepherd of Ohio. Rev. B. Hillman of Chicago, preached at 8 p. m. to a large audience.

The Ladies' Circle was highly entertained on the 24th at Mrs. R. J. Person's 263 N. West street. The subject "The Pleasant Home," was discussed by the ladies.

All are cordially invited to attend the revival meetings now going on. Dr. Carr will be assisted by Rev. P. D Skinner, D., D., of Lawrence, Kan., Rev. W. H. Denton, of Brazil, Ind., and Rev. I. Toliver, the great Texas Evangelist.

There will be communion tomorrow at 2 o'clock p. m. Dr. Carr will preach at 11 a. m. subject "The begining;" at 8 p. m. "Which side are you on?"

The Sunday school will for the first time, use quarterlys from the National Colored Baptist Publication House at Nashville Tenn., next Sunday. Collection $44.64.

BETHEL A. M. E. NOTES.

Last Sunday the pastor Rev. D. A. Graham preached another continuous sermon, morning and evening on "The Message to the Church at Sardis." The audience was quite large and appreciative.

The Sunday school is improving under Dr. Furniss' management. The teacher's board will soon be re-organized.

Next Monday night will be the annual church meeting for the purpose of electing trustees for the ensuing year.

Prayer meeting every night of next week preparatory for revival services.

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

The members of the church have organized clubs to raise money to pay off the debt. The clubs will begin work the first of the year.

Rev. H. C. Duvall delivered a good sermon Sunday night. Rev. T. Byrd will preach a "Black Board" sermon Sunday night. You are invited.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Our Sunday School was fairly attended Sunday. Lessons was reviewed by the pastor, Rev. Blackshear. After an explanation by the pastor regarding the National Baptist Publishing Board at Nashville, the school voted to order Sunday School literature from the Publishing Board.

Last Sunday morning Elder B. Hillman delivered an excellent sermon on "Experiences of Christian Life." The sermon was instructive and well received. At 8 p. m. the pastor preached an interesting sermon. Three persons joined the church.

The cantata, "The Prophet of Nazareth" was well rendered Tuesday evening, and much credit is due Mr. Prince for his untiring efforts. The play throughout showed careful training. The chorus of 75 voices was excellent.

To-morrow at 3 p. m. communion services will be held. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Mollie Brown and Mrs. Ballard are the indisposed members.

There will be a Mask Concert at Corinthian church Tuesday evening, January 5th, by Mrs. V. E. Lewis' Club.

Church News—Personal Mention.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

Mrs. Sallie Stalz is better. Sunday Jan. 3rd the Christian Endeavor society is requested to be present at the congregational church. He will talk to the society at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. D. Shoemaker, formerly of Yellow Pine, Ala., but now of Meridian, preached a splendid sermon at New Hope Baptist church. The secretary and treasurer will make their financial report Sunday the 3rd. Messrs. G. W. Phillips of Gilead, E. H. Carr of Bailey, D. E. W. Rogers of Lizelia, E. H. and A. D. Washington of Shubuta, are spending the holidays here with friends and relatives. Miss Ida L. Brown, a teacher in the Welchler graded school, left on the second for Macon, her home, to spend the Christmas. Prof. O. C. Garrett and teachers gave a grand concert at the school building Wednesday night the 23d. Mrs. M. A. Smith acted as stage manager. The affair was a grand success. Uncle Tom's Cabin, a drama, was performed at the city hall Dec. 22nd. Prof. Wilson needs to be commended. Miss Julia Watson who has been teaching at Vicksburg spent the holidays with her parents. Woody Ramsey is in the city on a visit to his his parents. The St. Paul M. E. church people had their Christmas tree on Thursday night Dec. 24th. It was a grand affair. The Pilgrim Progress Baptist church had their tree Friday night the 25th, also the Congregational church. Miss Susie Halloway left on the 23rd for Scooba, Miss., to spend the holidays with her parents. Mrs. Manuel Cambric left a few days ago to spend the holidays at her old home, Birmingham, Ala. Messrs. Willie Ford and J. W. Lee and Miss Anna Crawford, who has been visiting at Stone Wall, Miss., have returned. Mr. Isaac Fiker who has been in Enterprise, Miss., visiting friends and relatives, has returned. The Lincoln school gave a grand concert at their building Monday night. The public school gave their concert on Wednesday night the 23rd. Messrs. E. H. and A. D. Washington accompanied by Vernie Smith, who have been spending the holidays with their parents have returned to their school at Shubuta. Rev. Ransome preached a splendid sermon at the New Hope Baptist church Christmas day. Rev. L. W. Wadson, the pastor who has been sick for some time was able to be present. Miss Lula McDonald of Macon, arrived in the city Dec. 26th to spend the holidays with friends. Miss C. J. Fincher who is teaching at Lauderdale, has been spending the Christmas in Meridian. Rev. W. H. Jernigin spent Christmas with his family. Miss A. J. Carter of the Baptist Trumpet Enterprise has been spending Christmas with her parents. The report about the disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman's little son is without foundation. Transfer mail clerk, Joe Nelson left on the 23rd for his new field of labor at Jackson, Tenn. Mr. Sam Chapman is able to be up again.

Allen's Band.

Fordyce, Ark., Special.

We are having quite a cold snap. On Dec. 16th Mrs. Carrie L. Story and Mr. Henry Y. Thomas of this place were married at the A. M. E. church. Rev. W. E. Stone officiating. Both have city lots. Allens band is an institution organized in honor of Bishop Allen. Its object is to develope the mental, moral, social and intellectual field of the sons and daughters of the A. M. E. church. The following program was rehearsed Sunday at 2;30 p. m. music by the choir; address, "The Negro is in it," J. W. Ward; essay, "The Progress of the Negro," Miss Humphery; essay, "What can I do?" G. W. Shelton; essay "What am I here for?" Jane Davis; Bible reading, Ann Lacey; select reading, "After and Before Marriage," B. A. Smith; reading, Allens.

The Young People Entertain.

Houston, Tex., Special.

Christmas has been a complete success here in every way. The leading churches of the city, Methodists, African Methodist and Baptist all had excellent Christmas trees. J. R. Wilson, a bright young man addressed the audience of Antioch church Xmas eve night, the address was well received; Mr. Wilson will soon take up the study of law. Dr. I. Toliver, D. D., has been with Dr. F. L. Lights, of Antioch Baptist church. Prof. R. H. Eckford and Dr. S. M. Lyons, report a grand Xmas. It is said that the different churches would do well after Xmas to call the roll and decrease the number. Mr. Hogan, of Galveston, spent Xmas in the city. The young people gave a grand entertainment on the 29th ult. They rented U. B. F. hall; Mr. J. S. Dennis and others made it a success, about 200 invitations was issued. Prof. S. H. Smothers, one of the leading educators of Texas, is now a teacher in the Houston Academy. Prof. J. H. Garnett will have an able assistant in Prof. Smothers; Prof. Smothers has been teaching about 38 years.

News Notes of Interest.

Richmond, Ind., Special.

There was a grand entertainment was given at the A. M. E church Christmas Eve night. Miss Mary King is spending the holidays in Cincinnati. Mr. Herbert Garrett and sister are visiting friends in Columbus, O. Miss Etta Sains is spending the holidays in Piqua, O. Miss Lizzie Dennis spent Christmas in the city. Miss Lillian Ward of Indianapolis, is visiting Miss Lillie Carter. Mrs. Thomas Scott of Indianapolis, is visiting friends here. Miss Hettie Stokes spent Christmas at Greenville, O. Mr. and Mrs, Benjamin Spinner are spending the holidays at Indianapolis, Ind. The Masonic sermon at the first Baptist church was certainly grand. Miss Addie Wese of Knightstown is visiting her mother and father of this city.

Happy Holiday Happenings.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Henry Harris spent Christmas week in Danville, Ill. Oscar Harris visited his aunt in Kokomo, during the holidays. Misses Mabel Parker and Clara Warterman spent Christmas in Indianapolis. Mariah Chapman is no better at this writing. Janett Jones is able to be out again. Mrs. Solomon Rang, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Kate Turner, has returned o her home in Ft. Wayne.

The Negro Problem.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Allow me space in your valuable paper to make the following declaration and appeal to my fellow countrymen.

Necessity from a political standpoint having prompted us, and we hope it has you; to begin at once to solve the Negro problem along this line, beginning at the lower level and contend for the higher. Where is our race pride politically?

1st—We want to speculate politically, not for individual, but national gain.

2d—Organize or come together in every hamlet, city and state and blend together in the United States, then speculate with your political strength for recognition and representation.

3rd—Take example from the German or Irish. They speculate in politics to the interest of their respective race.

4th—The value of a thing rises when the demand is great and the supply is limited. There has always been a great demand for the Negro vote in the political market of these United States, and the supply equally as great; because we always over-run the market with our produce (votes), and allow the political market sharks to set their price on our goods, consequently when we return we have little, or no profit for our labor and produce. What we need is to organize political exchanges throughout this country. Put our produce (votes) there and hold it for the highest market price possible. That is: Municipal recognition and representation. And if we should not get good offers for our produce in the spring market, hold it until the fall market (election). This produce will not spoil as long as we can keep it together We can and must begin to offer this produce (votes) at better prices in these several markets, and set our own price and hold it at, or for that price. The city municipal market, the county market, the state and the Great National market. The Negro problem is to be solved by the Negro himself at the ballot box.

All person who are in favor of the betterment of the race politically, will please answer through this paper.

Yours for the race. My God, my race and my country,

W. C. CALLOWAY,

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Holiday Merriment.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Jerome Hackley entertained Xmas in honor of Rev. J. J. Hill. The Fred Douglass club was well attended Tuesday evening. A number of interesting papers were read. Mrs. F. M. Hill will attend the 25th anniversary of Mrs. J. L. Jones, in Moline, Ill. The concert given at the Odd Fellows' hall, was a success. The Childrens' concert at the A. M. E. church Christmas Eve., was quite amusing. Little Margaret Robbins attracted much attention. Mrs. Ellen Barnett, of Decatur, Mich., lectured at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening, after which supper was served.

Personal Mention.

Anderson, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Emma Hall of Terre Haute is visiting Mrs. Henrietta Wilson. Mrs. Holland and her mother, Mrs. Hill of New Castle, are spending the holidays with Mrs. William Taylor and Mr. Clem Hill, Dessie Shioley, the grand daughter of Mrs. Elijah Tarry, died Dec. 24. Mrs. Eva Benson came down from Gas City to the Christmas entertainment at the A. M. E. church. Miss Hettie Hill and her sister, Mrs. Jack Wadling of Bazil are, spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill of S. Sherman street. Miss Hettie will graduate from the Brazil High school in June. Miss Vadia and Orado Brooks of Knightstown, are visiting at the home of Elder D. R. Watkins. The Rev. Chas. Homes who has been sick so long is not improving fast. The Christmas tree and exercises at the A. M. E. church Christmas eve eclipsed anything ever given here by our people. Some of the features, a fan drill by the Sabbath school, recitation; a mandolin solo by Miss Dasta Watkins assisted by Miss Vadia Brooks on the piano; a bass solo by Mr. Jas. Collins; a solo by Miss Fannie Rankins; an address by Mr John Lampkins; a recitation from Shakespere by Mr. D. Y. Youcum; a cornet solo by Prof. Gee assisted by Mrs. Blanch Hill at the piano; the choir sang two beautiful Christmas anthems. After the program was concluded the stewardesses had prepared refreshments and everybody seemed to have a good time. The regular Christmas exercises was held at the A. M. E. church Sunday night. A large and appreciative audience greeted the pastor, the Rev. Chas. E. Allen. The sermon was very instructive and very well received. After the sermon Miss Hettie Hill sang a solo. Collection $5. 81.

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News Notes—Personals.

Niles, Mich., Special.

A Christmas dance was given at the rink on the evening of the 24th. The A. M. E. Sabbath school had a Chritmas treo Christmas night. The concert given by the young people of the A. M. E. church was a grand success. The proceeds were for the benefit of the church. Mrs. Rebecca Harrod and Daughter visited Cassopolis last week Mrs. Delia Curtis of South Bend, Ind., has been the guest of Mrs. John Curtis this week. Quite a number of Nile people spent the holidays out of the city. Mrs. Anna Fields of South Bend, was the guest of Mrs. T. J. Jones during the holidays. Rev. J. Ceasor reports that he is meeting with success with his newly organized church in Buchanon, Mich. Mrs. Schuyler Finley is on the sick list.

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Personal Mention.

Oxford, Ohio, Special.

The literary club meets Tuesday night. John East is visiting his wife. Rev. D. Hollin preached at the Baptist church Sunday. Mrs. Jake Piatt is very low, at her home in Beach street. John Leland, of Hamilton, and Miss Alice Cousins, of Oxford, were united in marriage Thursday night, Rev. Jesse Smith officiated. Miss Jessie Smith, of Wilberforce, is the guest of her father Rev. Smith. Mrs. Hattie Forster will soon move to her new home on North street. Miss Ada West is visiting friends in Richmond. Mr. Morgan, of Indianapolis, is the guest of Mrs. Alice Marshall. Mrs. Jas. Cheeks is visiting friends in Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Carter are visiting friends in Middletown. Miss Minnie Knox, of Connersville, is the guest of Mrs. John East.

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SPORTING NOTES.

It is the prevaling opinion in the West that the prospects for racing next year are brighter than ever.

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Allerton, 2.09¼, heads the list as a sire of newcomers to the 2.30 list for 1896 with 15 to his credit.

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John Paul has sold to C. M. Graves the bay colt San Juan, 2, by Julien, dam Parisa, at the reported price of $500.

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Abuse, an Eastern cast-off, now belonging to Foster Brothers, has won nine straight races at Ideal Park.

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"Soup" Perkins cannot ride now at less than 100 pounds, and next season he will be one of the heavy-weight.

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The ending of the Latonia meeting finished a period of racing lasting 170 days and extending over seven months.

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W. H. Woodward, Jr., who won several races at Latonia, has taken his very serviceable string to New Orleans.

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Lonnie Clayton will do some riding at New Orleans, and will go to Europe in the spring with J. J. McCafferty.

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Lewis J. Tewsbury now owns the three record-breakers—Mascot, 2.04; Robert J., 2.01½, and John R. Gentry, 2.00½.

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It is understood that a new hotel and 100 stalls will be constructed at the Buffalo track, ready for spring training.

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The death of Morello in California this week ends the career of one of the best race horses ever on the American tracks.

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Frank Bower is at New York attending the annual meeting of the Board of Review of the National Trotting Association.

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The Fleischmanns are anxious to secure Dr. Catlett, but Turner Bros. want $20,000, which the Fleischmanns think is too high.

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Ed. Pyle would like to arrange a match race for any part of $1,000 a side between Robbie P. and the bay gelding James J., 2.09½.

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Jockey Britton, who was recently suspended for striking another jockey with a whip at Latonia, is in danger of losing his license.

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"Parson Davis says if the color line is to be drawn in pugilism there ought to be a championship for the black as well as the white fighter. He will suggest to Dan Stuart that a match be arranged between Bob Armstrong and Peter Jackson, the fight to be decided at the time of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill. If Stuart will not offer a purse for the colored scrappers Davis will make the same proposition to John Fleming, the manager of the National Sporting Club of London. Davis says that if the match cannot be arranged he will back Armstrong against Peter Maher, Steve O'Donnell or Tom Sharkey.

St. Luke's Chapel Notes.

Columbus, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Duncan is on the sick list. Rev. Parker of Rockport, O., and Rev. Brewer dined at Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds on last Saturday. Elder Coleman and wife visited here last Friday. Sabbath schools are still closed. Our pastors called the members together on Monday night and organized a Twentieth Century Literary Club. The following officers were elected president, Mr. David Bascowell; vice president, Mrs. Troutman; recording secretary, Mr. Troutman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Pettiford; executive committee, Messrs. Thomas Duncan, James Cotton, John Richie; treasurer, Mrs. Sarah Richie; Vigilant committee. Messrs. David Bascowell, Edward Troutman, Mrs. Marp Jackson; critic, Miss Mattie Richie; reporter, Miss Lillie Pennebaker; music instructor, Mr. G. Lee; sargeant-at-arms, Mr. James Richie. The president calls a meeting for next Monday night Dec. 28th. All are invited to attend. Mr. Troutman led prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Mrs. Duncan was appointed to led the prayer meeting Christmas day. Prof. Jackson and wife spent Christmas in Terre Haute, their home. Grand rally on the 3rd of January. Rev. Fossett of Franklin, Ind., will preach for us.

In the Dramatic World.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday nights there was a grand King Rough Beard and the Princess was presented at the colored Baptist church. The following names were Maggie Lister Elbera Carbent, R. L. Carter, W. M. Moore, A. Taylor, Taylor Lockhart, Geo. W. Buckman and J. Lister managers. Mr. D. V. Young returned this week from Chatfield, Tex. Mr. T. B. Baitey of Rice, Tex., was in the city this week. Prof. J. P. Elliott left for Dallas, Tex., last Sunday to be under the treatment of Dr. Blint. Allen Neal is improved. Worner Turner and McAbley and two other families left for Oklahoma last week. Mr. B. W. Hudson was in the city last week. Mr. and Mrs. B unt of Chatfield, Tex., was in the city this week the guest of her son and daughter Mr. Ben Porter has rebuilt his residence. Mr. John Gooden lost his baby last week. W. M. Malone has retunred from Milford. Mr. H. Smith is able to be out as is Mr. Hamp Willem. Mr. Carner is ill at this writing. P. W. White and H. Gray are still looking for jobs. Noble Jackson used tooth powder that ate the flesh in his mouth before he could get it out. He is still suffering from she effects of it.

LAURELS FOR THE FREEMAN.

Newville, Ala., Dec. 24, '96.

Editor Freeman:—Please send me some sample copies of The Freeman. I want to subscribe for it. I think that it is one of the best papers in the union. If you will send me some sample copies, I will try to get others to subscribe.

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Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27, '96.

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LIGHT
FROM
OTHER
SHORES

The Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold, and his son, Prince Albert, were the objects of a hostile demonstration on their arrival yesterday at Dolhain, on the German frontier, where they went on a shooting tour.

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The Tsung Li Yamen had awarded to the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia, a contract for eight locomotives, to be used upon the imperial railway that is now being constructed between Pekin and Tien Tsin.

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In 1887 Japan had 335 schools in which English and twenty-eight in which German was taught. There are now only 100 of the former and ten of the latter.

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An Italian named Corzetto has invented an apparatus which enabled him to remain under water eighteen hours. Owing to an accident to the apparatus, however, he came near being asphyxiated.

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All the Paris papers have a good deal to say about American jingoism and the danger of war between the United States and Spain, which could, in their opinion, do nobody good. The Royalist Gaulois, the Conservative Figaro, Republican Debats, the Liberal Temps, representing the solid Bourgeoisie of France, are all of the same views on this question.

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Ever since the assassination of the Czar Alexander II., the young Emperor of Russia, it is said, has carried about with him a small revolver which was given to him by his mother, the Dowager Empress of Russia.

Notes From Shreveport.

Shreveport, La., Special.

J. W. E. Bowen, Ph. D. D. D. lectured on the 14th inst., to a crowded house. A grand emancipation proclamation celebration Jan. 1st, will be held. Rev. S. H. Ralph, editor of Shreveport Watchman, has written a book entitled the "Negro Ladder." John S. Jackson will take a course in the study of law. We are glad to see Mr. Wm. Harper's store is open again, which was closed a few days for rent. He is the oldest colored merchant in Shreveport.

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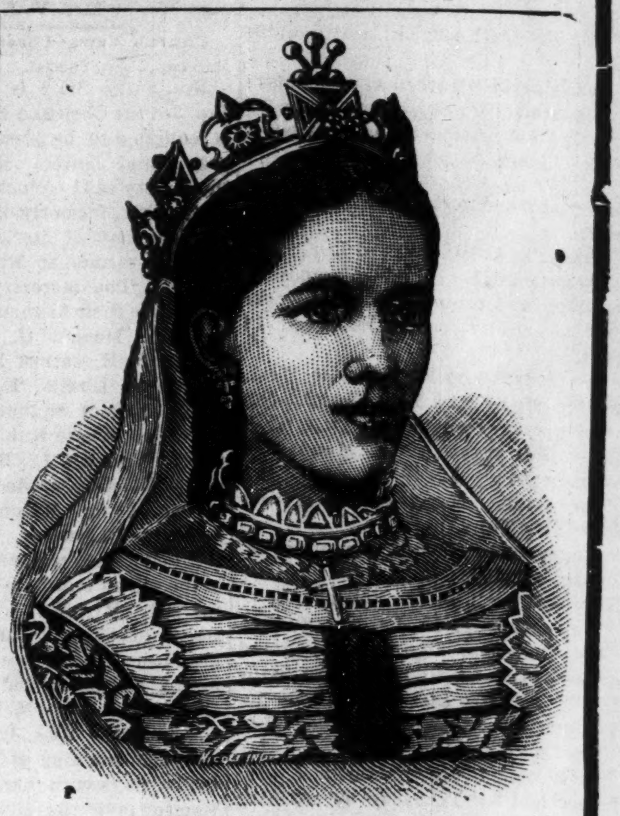

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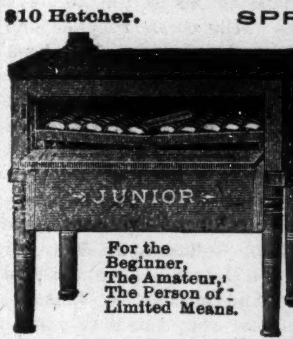

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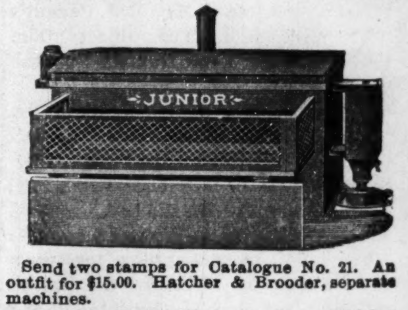

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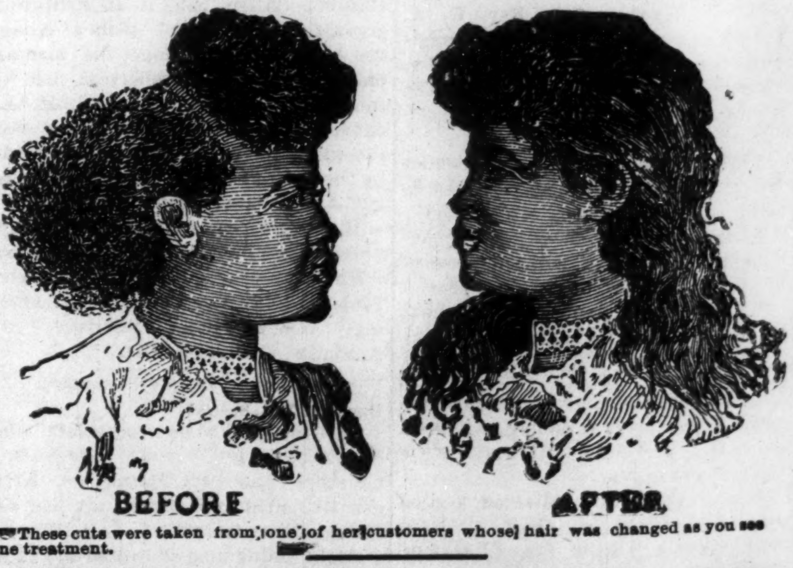

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"A NEGRO IN THE CABINET."

THE POST KNEW HOW TO MAKE THE NEGRO CUT ANTICS.

We Have Yet to Learn How to Bear Good Fortune with Moderation and Enjoy Great Privileges with Modesty.

The Washington Post knew just how to make the poor Afro-Americans cut antics, and can now chuckle over the success of its "Negro in the Cabinet" editorial. Some time before the St. Louis convention, enthusiastic Negroes of Kansas were advocating Mr. Waller for the vice presidency. They were sincere. Now a full dozen of Negroes are laying plans to enter the cabinet. They too are sincere. This simply goes to show that what the Southern whites say about the Negro is largely true. He cannot stand treatment that regards him as a social or political equal; he becomes immodest, presumptious, impudent. It is not popular for me, a Negro to say this, but I write the truth. Every one knows that among the most obnoxious patrons of northern hotels and theatres are a class of Negroes lately from the land of "jim crow" cars who lose all dignity in the presence of freedom and become offensively presumptious and self-assertive. We have yet to learn how to bear good fortune with moderation and to enjoy great privileges with modesty.

The kindly attitude of Major McKinley to the race should not be taken advantage of, and his disposition to be fair should not be abused and turned into disgust. There is not a soberminded Negro in America who would consent to the appointment of one of his race to the cabinet under existing social conditions. A Negro in the cabinet would also be a Negro in the social life of administrative circles and would have to submit to treatment as a social inferior. Thus the world would see the highest representative of the race acknowledging the social inferiority of the Negro. We are not yet prepared to make any such admission nor to permit any such condition to be irrevocably fixed upon us.

As things are now, the world feels that we are unjustly dealt by, and the constancy of our protests shows that we have manhood enough to resent the majestic, but a Negro in the cabinet submitting to social ostracism would rob us of every protest and convict us of acquiescence. The Negro who would bring this evil upon his race for the sake of personal gain is a base traitor. It is pleasant to know that Prof. B. T. Washington recoils from his famous dictum in advocacy of social reparation and is manly enough to see the vanity of hoping to enter the cabinet.

This cannot be said of Senator Bruce. He would pay the "nigger" for personal gain. He has never dared to take a decided stand on questions affecting his race when it would endanger his personal advancement. A fellow named Ralph Tyler of Columbus, O., is about to bring out for a cabinet office Geo. Myers, who was Hanna's valet at St. Louis. Mr. Tyler writes over the name, "Larph," and has lately published a number of cut-throat articles in which he has tried to do away with such leaders as Bishop Arnett, Hon. H. C. Smith, Hon. J. P. Green, Lawyer Barnett, et al., and to trot to the front the man who perhaps washed Mr. Hanna's feet and who undoubtedly has often rubbed lather on his face. This is one extreme of the ridiculous antics provoked by the mischievous Washington Post. This is so extremely ludicrous that it can do little harm, but when men of more standing and some real worth permit their names to be used it becomes an evil. That we are entitled to recognition, and that we will receive it is almost certain. But let us be modest. Some one of our editors should be recognized because of the splendid work done by such Afro-American journals as The Freeman, Colored American, Cleveland Gazette, Appeal, Age, Conservator and Planet. The Freeman, for instance, was more potent in the recent campaign than any dozen orators, and this could be said of any of the other papers named above. It is time for our editors to boldly assert their mighty power and to wipe out this foolish talk of cabinet place and set the work going along practical lines.

The following clipping is a specimen of what is going the rounds of the Associated Press:

"The Afro-American Republican League of Alabama met in Birmingham Dec. 17 and adopted resolutions indorsing John Grant, the Texas Republican leader, for a cabinet position under President McKinley as the South's representative, and appointed a committee to go to Canton and urge the appointment. The Birmingham Times, the official State Republican organ, also indorses Grant for the place. The League is the strongest colored Republican organization in the State, and virtually controls sentiment in the race. Booker T. Washington, president of the Tuskegee Colored Industrial School, mentioned for a cabinet place, will not be indorsed by his race in Alabama, and it is understoyd that he seeks no political office."

Dozens more of such ridiculous things will follow unless our journals take a decided stand against it. We do not want a cabinet position yet; it would do us great injury to have one. Let us have several good and representative positions and a fair number of minor places. To become presumptious is to invite rebuke or else to forever fix a social evil upon the race by achieving success. Another extremely ridiculous and very immodest thing is for men to loudly decline offices and hands that have never been proffered and never will be.

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Resolutions Adopted.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Sleighton's Jubilee Singer gave an entertainment at Bethel A. M. E. church Tuesday Dec. 15th for the benefit of the church. Mr. R. C. Hancock who lives at 2939 Armour avenue was just entering his residence last Saturday night Dec. 12th, three colored men order him to hault and give them his money and other valuables, but because he hesitated in doing so they beat the old man until be is nearly out of breath and then kicked him in the abdomen and went away, but came back and said to him, 'Old man are you hurt." The police captured them and put them under arrest. Mr. Hancock was appointed by Mayor Swift as a representative of Chicago to the Exposition in in the South. Cuba Libre in Chicago; Among the most prominent colored citizens of Chicago held a mass meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church Wednesday Dec 16th. The meeting was under the auspices of the members of the church, and 500 colored persons attended demand freedom of Cuba and bemoan the death of Maceo. Dr. Abbott of the Provident Hospital presided, and in his opening speech set the pace for the sentiments expressed. Committees on resolutions were as follows: A. C. Harris, C. F. Adams, F. L. Barnett, L. Williams, P. Anderson, J. Newly. Resolutions referring to the death of Maceo.

Resolved, That the Afro-American citizen in Chicago, in mass meeting assemble and express their deep sympathy with Cubans and deplore the untimely death of that matchless military leader, Antonio Maceo, and is killed by a disregard of the time honored and sacred law of a flag of truce. Spain is thereby placed beyond the pale of civilization.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and will be sent to the president of the United States. The speakers were as follows: Mrs. Fannie Barnett Williams, Mrs. Ida B. Wells Barnett, E. H. Wright, E. H. Sholwell, ex-United States Counsel John L. Walker and Rev. R. C. Ransom.

We have had many requests from subscribers to send them a Christmas present. By sending $1, you will get one that will be of great value to you during the year of '97—The Freeman.

STRENGTH IN UNION.

Our Future Prospects Viewed With Great Interest.

It has been noticeable in all ages that as a people rise in the scale of intelligence, their needs as a whole, and as individuals increase. Since it is manifest, that the Afro-American has made rapid strides in the past thirty years, that his present situation is viewed with interest, that his future is a subject of wide discussion and lengthy debate. It is evident that his needs are many and growing. We take up for consideration those that are paramount. First, we need strong union. As a people we are not closely enough united. We need to join hands and help each other in every good cause.

When one is fortunate enough to hold in his hands much of this world's goods, we should not envy nor abuse him, and he on the other hand should not oppress the less fortunate, should not drive the hungry from his door. When we see one ascending the ladder of fame, we should not hiss him down that he may lose the crown of honor, and he who reaches the dome should not throw the ladder down to keep others from climbing. In affairs of public interest, we should stand together for the nation's good, knowing that the stars and stripes wave over us even as over our fairer brother, for the blood of African sons mingled with that of the Caucasians in years gone by to pay the price of American independence. In our churches, in our schools, among our preachers, among our men of rank and profession we see daily a lack of union. Friends, we cannot afford it. All eyes are upon us. The world is our spectator. Unless we come together as a unit, the world will see us fall, for it is written, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." "In union there is strength," has been preached so much that it sounds old, yet to-day more than yesterday it needs to be sounded through the North, South, East, West, wherever two or three of our people dwell.

Secondly, we need a higher regard for virtue, a stronger disdain for vice. Let us hasten the day when appearances, facial beauty and costly apparel will not be more admired than true virtue. to maintain virtue we need protection. Wives and daughters need the protection of husbands and fathers. Widows and spinsters need the protection of men of our race, and each and all need self-protection. These preparations are needed for such protections. Young women as well as young men should leave the school walls with more than a knowledge of algebra and Greek.

We need trained hands and willing minds to do. We need independence. If one is living at ease to-day we know not when adversity will over take him, then he should be prepared to meet whatever comes. Be not ashamed to earn his daily bread in an humble way if necessity demands it. Another great need of many of our people is self pride, and another still, is pride in the home. Numbers are content to live huddled together in the tenement houses of the crowded cities or in unshapely dwellings in the towns and villages when a little time and means well spent would give to them both comfort and pleasure. It would be well to leave off the summer excursions the winter velvets and the Christmas toys, cigars and drinks, yes, and many other things until the home is a fit place for humanity. If we make comfortable and then beautify our homes, pleasant thoughts of the fire side follow us all through life. and we realize the beauty of the poem "Home dear home, we never can forget. "Friends dear friends, we often there have met pressed by care or pierced by grief, "Home has afforded us a sweet relief." Let us not omit that all important subsubject "Education," we need the masses educated. We are well pleased with, we boast of the few, but in order to reach the goal we need to educate and refine the many. We need not simply learn men and women, but educated sons and daughters, far thinking husbands and fathers, polished wives and mothers, and in all men and women well fitted for the country's good. We need religion taught in its highest sense. We should in all things strive to please Christ for it is written in the Book of books. "Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man."

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A pencil is a good thing to draw pictures with, but molasses is better for drawing flies.

Miss Oldgirl—"How dare you swear before me!" Wigwag—"Did you want to swear first?"

At the races—He—"They're off!" She—"Who? He—"The fellows that gave me my tips."

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Miss Caustique—"How do you know your husband loves you?" Mrs. Newlywed—"He lets me shave him."

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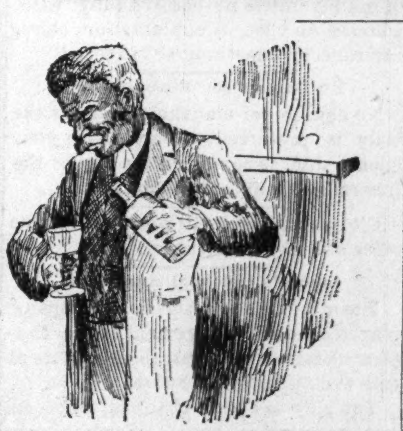

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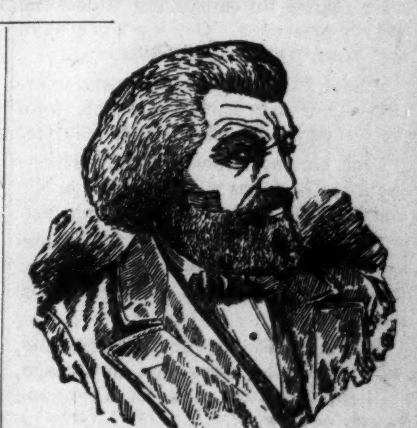

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H. C. Sloan of Cornell avenue is ill,

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Mrs. Delia Wilson is on the sick list.

Eugenie Bass has returned from Connersville.

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Mrs. Sadie Epps of Richmond has located in the city.

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Harry Morgan is spending the holidays in Connersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren La Rue are in Jeffersontown, Ky.

Mrs. Georgia Blackburn is visiting friends in Columbus, O.

Miss Mattie Tribue spent the holidays with friends in Anderson.

Miss Venia Bolden of Danville, Ill., is a guest of Mrs. Dr. Morgan.

WANTED—Children to board at 315 West Ninth street, corner Mill.

R. A. Roberts passed through the city last Thursday enroute to Chicago.

Samuel Vancleave is spending the holidays with his parents on Oak Hill.

J. H. Montgomery of Springfield, O., spent a few days in the city this week.

Mrs. Emma Newby will leave for her home in Springfield, O., in a few days.

Mrs. Willis Kersey attended the funeral of her mother in Chicago last week.

George H. Jackson of Cincinnati, made a flying trip to the city last Wednesday.

Mrs. Dollie Lewis, the noted evangelist, is holding a series of meetings at Anchorage, Ky.

Misses Waterman and Parker, of Southland are guests of Mrs. Ida Underwood in Columbia avenue.

Miss Florence M. Morton of Richmond, well-known in this city, is lying seriously ill with consumption.

Mrs. John Haile and daughter of Crawfordsville, spent Christmas in Noblesville, the guest of relatives.

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School No. 19 gave Christmas exercises Thursday morning, which were well received by friends and relatives.

Prof. Gurley Brewer of Mt. Vernon, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Brewer in Fifteenth street.

Mrs. Howard Dickerson of Crawfordsville, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Martha Dickerson, 390 State avenue.

Miss Alice Roberts or Charlottesville, who is spending a few days in Chicago, will be the guest of G. L. Knox and family next week.

Mrs. Anna P. Julius, after a pleasant visit, returned to her home in Marion Saturday accompanied by her two sons, Robert and William.

Mesdames Mary Robinson, Chas. H. Stewart, Ella Curry and Miss Amanda Rogers visited Miss Florence Harris of Westville, O., last Sunday.

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The post mortem examination held by Dr. Brayton upon the remains of Alpha Reynolds, age 15 of Malott avenue, proved that she died of dropsy.

A musical festival association has been organized for 1897. The projectors have begun preparations with the view of rendering the best musical compositions. Opera selections from the best Operas will be some of the new features.

The celebration of the birth of Christ given by the Leah Chapter No. 2 O. E. S. was one of intelligence and was beautifully illustrated. The order turned out at Simpson Chapel. The sermon was preached by Dr. Hagood. Mrs. Fannie Lanier, R. M., C. F. Brooks, R. P.

There will be a special sermon for the benefit of Alpha Home the second Sunday in January at the Christian church, corner Howard and Fourth streets. All the ministers in the city are invited to come and bring their congregations. The proceeds will be for the Alpha Home. All members of the Association will turn out in full. Rev. Womack will officiate.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

Exit '96! We take oft our hats to '97!

Resolved, That we, the people, will make extraordinary efforts to better our condition financially; that we will lay aside our love for festivities, dress and other little sins that doth so easily beset us, and stretch forth our hands for union, money and justice; that we will give our neighbor a push up the hill in his business by patronizing him; that we will do all the good we can for the cause of Christ, humanity and The Indianapolis Freeman.

There is considerable wild, flippant talk indulged in by the people of all ages, classes, sex and condition. Every individual should be possessed with a certain amount of judgment and forethought—enough at least to speak at the proper time, at the proper place and of the proper things.

Several young progressive men were engaged in conversation at a colored business place recently, when one of them frankly stated that he had no time for the women of the race, that while he was of colored parentage, he would never unite in marriage with a colored lady under no conditions. These are broad, ugly statements, and it is hoped that this young man will ponder deep and weigh carefully these remarks.

We attended the Empire last week, nd were well pleased with the "Black Patti Co." But we cannot say the same of a large number of its colored patrons. Each artists was criticised pro and con, by people who seldom attend theatres, to the utter disgust of those who were unfortunate enough to be seated near them. This habit is also largely indulged in by patrons of the other race. It is hoped, however, that theatre parties who attend for the mere sake of attracting attention by their loud, uncouth manner, will be generous enough to discuss the merits and demerits of the show, homeward bound.

There are a large number of girls ranging in age from ten to fifteen years, who attend churches and theatres unaccompanied by parents or guardians. They are in the streets late at night, and seem possessed of but little sense of propriety; they consider it popular to giggle, use slang in conversing and make "mashes." This is their highest ambition. Parents should give this matter serious consideration, if they are desirous of their daughters growing up in virtuous womanhood.

Looking over an old scrap book the other day, we run across the foregoing article: "When Corinne sung the 'Swell Coon' or the 'Palace Car Porter,' she took the Negro population by storm. They couldn't hardly keep their seats. The song portrayed explicitly the difference in the Northern and Southern Negro. When a Northern Negro is promoted to the position of a Pullman car porter, he feels very much exalted, and generally assumes the air of a Fifth avenue millionaire. On the other hand a Southern Negro doesn't think he is in it a bit unless he has a 'hunny' wife, a house and lot, or a plantation, store, bar-room or something of the sort."

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Isham's Oriental America.

Isham's "Oriental America" company played a return engagement at the Empire theatre, the first three nights of this week to crowded houses.

The play has been changed since its last appearance here. Several new people have been added, among them is Tom Brown, an old Indianapolis boy, who plays the part of Li Hung Chang, in the first part with much success. The singing of Miss Belle Davis, Shipp and Winn, Sidney Woodard and Miss Mattie Wilkes was well recieved. The Manhattan Beach Sports and Bicycle Girls recieved their share of applause. Billy Eldridge and wife, captured the audience as usual. The performance closes with "40 Minuets Around the Operas."

The company left Thursday morning for Toledo, O., to fill a three days engagement.

Freeman Force Remembered.

The Freeman force was handsomely remembered by the members of Allen Chapel Christmas day, through their noble pastor, Rev. A. L. Murray, who made a few appropriate remarks, after which he presented the employes with fruits, candies, etc. Elwood Knox, manager, responded in behalf of the office, and also thanked him for his liberal patronage to the office during the past year, and hoped he would thus continue in the good work.

IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The Herculean Club held a holiday reception last Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Laura Claybrooks entertained several friends at tea Christmas Eve from 4 till 6 p. m.

Miss Ada Harris laid covers for ten, for a small dinner party Sunday at her home in California street.

Mrs. Ida Johnson received yesterday afternoon at her home in Wood street, assisted by Miss Lucy Tunsel.

Miss Mamie Jenkins, 179 South Linden street, is receiving in honor of Miss Nellie Harris, of Carrolton, Ky.

Miss Lizzie Burkes of this city and Chas. H. Farrow of Naomi, Mich., were united in marriage last Sunday, Rev. Blackshear officiating.

Miss Nettie Wise of Cataract, and Miss Bell Bush are enjoying the hospitality of the Misses Morgan at their home in Alvord street.

A pleasant birthday surprise was given Geo. Brooks by his estimable wife at their pleasant home, 679 N. Senate avenue New Year's evening.

Geo. Nichols and bride, nee Miss Ella Beeler, of Danville, Ill., passed through the city Dec. 24th en route to Louisville, Ky., on a wedding tour.

Mrs. Perry gave a reception at her residence, 552 North Senate avenue in honor of her father, Robt. Harrison of Harveysburgh, O., who is visiting her.

Mrs. Clara Harvey gave a breakfast Christmas morning at her home in North Senate avenue to a few friends in honor of Mrs. Sawyer of New Albany.

Mrs. Kate Stewart-Bazil entertained a few young friends at her home in Howard street Tuesday evening in honor of her niece, Miss Mamie Stewart of Chicago.

An enjoyable dance was given at the hall, Thirtieth and Illinois streets last Monday night. Quite a large crowd assembled, and the light fantastic was tripped until the wee sma' hours.

Mrs. Alice Walker-Brown of Chillicothe, O., is the guest of her brother, Mr. Thomas of Brightwood, whom she has not met for thirty years. A few friends were entertained in honor of the occasion Friday.

A very pleasant holiday entertainment was given at Mansur Hall Monday evening. The committee of arrangements were Messrs. Remus Moore, Robt. Harper, Harry Cooper, A. C. McMurray and Geo. Worthington.

Miss Ada Bagby entertained a few fsiends in Talbott avenue Christmas day in honor of Miss Knight of Sheridan, at a "Wish-bone Party." Each guest departed with a wish-bone and an appropriate verse to be recited next Xmas.

The wedding of R. B. Shelton and Miss Maud Blaylock occurred Monday evening at the residence of the former's parents in West North street, Rev. J. J. Blackshear performing the ceremony. Mr. Shelton takes a prominent part in "Oriental America" which played here this week.

Miss Estelle Johnson, of 567 East Seventh street, who has been a student at St. Mary's Art Academy, received the gold medal this December. It is the first that has been given in this department for several years. She received the silver medal two years ago.

Mrs. Hattie Jones entertained Christmas day at her home in West North street in honor of Mrs. Anna P. Julius, of Marion. The house was prettily decorated with holly and mistletoe. Luncheon was served in the dining room which had been especially arranged for the occasion. Mrs. Jones was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Bradley and Miss May Harvester.

The "Calla Lilly Club" entertained quite a number of their friends Xmas Eve at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fines. The ladies were elegantly attired in evening costume. Luncheon was served from 9 to 12. Officers of the club are: Miss Mary Edwards, president; Miss Lizzie Wilburger, treasurer; Miss India Stokes, secretary; Miss Mildred Parker, vice president. They were assisted in receiving by Misses Lucinda Edwards, Anna Bryant, Letisha Thomas, Fanny Taylor, and Martha Dueson. Robt. Taylor's orchestra furnished the music.

One of the prettiest home weddings of recent occurrence was that of George Worthington and Miss Margaret Ewing at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Morgan at their elegant home in West Sixth street, Thursday evening, Dec. 24. The wedding was solemnized promptly at 6 o'clock by Rev. L. M. Hagood, while Panden Bros'. orchestra played in soft, sweet tones, "Call Me Thine Own." The house was handsomely decorated with palms, smilax and roses. In the dining room was the brides' table—a creation of beauty. American Beauty roses formed the center piece, and leading therefrom were hyacinths and smilax entwined, to be met at each corner with more roses artistically arranged. The bride, who is petite in figure, looked charming in white silk, trimmed in ribbons and valiencenes lace and carried roses. The young ladies who assisted in receiving were Miss Venia Bolden, of Danville, Ill., Misses Ruth Higgs, Mamie Ewing, Belle Passmore, Rachel Heston and Bessie White. The presents received were numerous, handsome and costly. Mr. Worthington is a wideawake, progressive young man, and enjoys the friendship of a large number of acquaintances, and is also a mail-carrier. Miss Ewing is an estimable young lady and has always been a social favorite. Mr. and Mrs. Worthington are at home, 14 Mill street, where they received New Year's Day.

A STATEMENT.

From Rev. W. R. Lawton, of the Ninth Presbyterian Church.

Editor Freeman:

Please permit me to make a statement in reference to my expected return to Indianapolis by January 3rd.

So strong is my desire to be with the members and friends of the Ninth Presbyterian church and citizens of Indianapolis that I wrote the officers of the church, notwithstanding my engagements in the Greater New York, that I would make every effort to be relieved of these engagements, in order to be with them on the first Sunday in the new year. But if I should fail in my effort, that I would be with them by the third Sunday in January. I regret the failure of my effort. But I am pleased to say, barring providential intervention, that I will occupy the pulpit o Ninth Presbyterian church on the third Sunday in January.

W. R. LAWTON,

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 28, '96.

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